

For Liberty and Security, Against Fascism and Hunger - Vote Communist!

THIS IS THE LAST issue of the Western Worker to reach you before you cast your ballots November 3rd.

You who are subscribers and readers of the Western Worker will vote Communist. But your responsibility is much greater than to yourself and members of your immediate family. Tremendous issues are at stake. Which road shall the American people tread? The road of democracy—toward progress and security? Or the road of reaction—toward Fascism and hunger!

Vote Communist, for democracy and security—but you must do more. In these last several days, reach as many voters as possible in your trade union, your shop, your neighborhood. Present the issues to them. Make them see why they, too, should vote Communist.

Keep this in mind—a large Communist vote is at this time the most effective weapon the American people can forge to guarantee that independent working class pressure which alone

can wrest concessions for the people from any administration.

A large Communist vote is the most powerful expression of the will of the people to build their own political instrument against the menace of Fascism—a Farmer-Labor Party, rooted in the working class, expressing the interests of the overwhelming majority of the people, dedicated to safeguarding traditional American liberties and raising the standard of living of the people!

DEFEAT THE PROGRAM OF WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST AND THE CUT-THROAT BAND OF MISNAMED "LIBERTY LEAGUERS!" STRIKE A BLOW AT THE OPEN-SHOP INTERESTS, AT THE SINISTER, UN-AMERICAN FASCIST ELEMENTS! VOTE COMMUNIST ON NOVEMBER 3RD!



Vote for
EARL BROWDER
Communist Party Candidate for President of the United States.

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STRIKE FROM S. DIEGO TO ALASKA

DEMOCRACY VS. FASCISM BORNE OUT AS ISSUE

Schneiderman Radio Talk Shows Events Prove This True

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Events are bearing out the correctness" of the Communists' statement that the issue of this election campaign is "Democracy vs. Fascism," William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party stated in a radio talk over KGO, KECA and KFSD (National Broadcasting hook-up) on Thursday night.

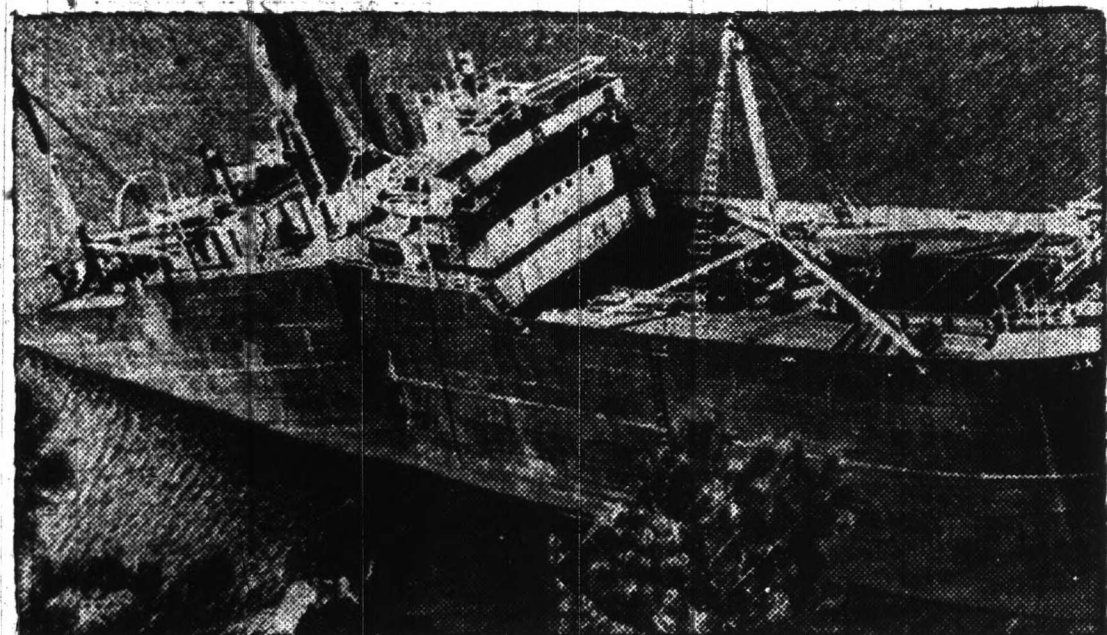
Schneiderman's talk follows: Friends: Election Day is approaching. We Communists have defined the issue of this campaign as: Democracy versus Fascism. Events are bearing out the correctness of this analysis. The Republican Party is trying to frighten and stampede the voters into supporting the Landon-Knox ticket, by trying to make it appear that "Communism" is the issue.

They know that if the American people clearly see the choice between democracy and Fascism they will overwhelmingly reject

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Fascists Given "Acquittal" on Spain

FIGHTING YOUR BATTLE AND MINE, AGAINST FASCISM



MADRID.—With a powerful force of up-to-date tanks and airplanes the government forces launched a sharp counter-attack, taking at least seven towns which had been held by the fascists.

The counter-offensive against the fascists began on Thursday, and swept all before it.

Torrejon De La Calzada, Grinnon and Humanes were among the towns re-taken from the fascists.

Heavy fascist losses were reported.

LONDON.—With unequalled brass and total disregard of proved facts, the international non-intervention committee on the Spanish civil war "acquitted" both Fascist Italy and Fascist Portugal of violation of the "neutrality" agreement.

Only the Soviet Union delegate strenuously opposed the "acquittal" and voted against it.

The Soviet embassy made public a clarification of the U.S.S.R.'s note on the situation of last week:

"The proceedings of the committee have convinced the Soviet government that at present there are no guarantees against further supply to rebel (Spanish Fascist) generals of war material.

"In these circumstances the Soviet government is of the opinion that until such guarantees are created and effective control over the strict fulfillment of the obligation regarding non-intervention is established, those governments who consider supplying the legitimate Spanish government are morally entitled not to consider themselves more bound by the agreement than those governments who supply the rebels in contravention of the agreement."

HEAR BROWDER NEXT MONDAY

Final Broadcasts Of C.P. Election Drive

On the eve of the presidential elections, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, will speak Monday, November 2nd, on a nation-wide broadcast hookup.

The final campaign speech by Browder will be released in California over KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; and KFSD, San Diego, at 7:45-8 p.m., Pacific Coast time.



VOTE THE C.P. SLATE NOV. 3

36 Communists Will Be On Ballot

Vote this slate of Communist candidates on November 3rd!

FOR PRESIDENT
Earl Browder.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
James W. Ford.

FOR CONGRESS
Northern California
1st District—Vernon D. Healy.
3rd District—Perry Hill.
4th District—Anita Whitney.
5th District—Lawrence Ross.
6th District—Lloyd Harris.
9th District—Carl B. Patterson.

FOR CONGRESS
Southern California
11th District—William Ingham.
13th District—Emma Cutler.
14th District—Harold J. Ashe.
17th District—John L. Leech.

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TO BLOCK THE FASCISTS, Spanish loyalists forces dynamited the steamer Jata-Mendi, closing the entrance of the harbor to Fascist craft. Upper right, and below, ambassadors of the Spanish people to the American people. Above, Ferdinand de los Rios, new Spanish ambassador to the U. S.; below, the beautiful Isabel de Palencia, Spanish deputy and League of Nations delegate, who with Father Luis Salcedo, Catholic priest, is touring the U. S. to counteract Fascist lies about Spanish government.

TERROR GROWS IN IMPERIAL

EL CENTRO.—Significance of the vicious outbreak of vigilante terror last week here against Escro L. Richardson, Communist candidate for Congress, 20th District, was made clear when several hundred men representing wealthy business and agricultural interests met in the Wilson School here to work out plans aimed to crush any union activity by agricultural workers in the Imperial Valley.

Under banner of an "anti-Communist drive," sponsored by

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Mass Election Rally To Be Held Sunday Night In Fresno

FRESNO.—Denied use of the City Park or public buildings in violation of constitutional guarantees, the Communist Party will hold a mass election rally here Sunday, November 1st, 8 p.m., at 1123 Van Ness St., opposite the County Court House.

Anita Whitney, Communist Party state chairman, and Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress will speed.

WAREHOUSE MEN STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO.—800 members of the Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, struck Friday morning in San Francisco and across the Bay.

Public warehouses, ice, cold storage, grain and feed warehouses were affected.

A strike in the wholesale grocery warehouses loomed later in the day.

Warehousemen's President Warren G. Denton, charged the Warehousemen's Association with "bad faith" in stating they desired resumption of negotiations before a strike was called.

"We cannot take the employers' proposal for continued meetings as a sincere proposal," he said.

"The workers feel they must resort to economic action to maintain their union organization and obtain the demands they believe are justly due them."

The union demands 85 cents an hour, a 40-hour week, and preferential hiring of union men through the union hiring hall. The men have been receiving 62½ cents an hour.

WASHINGTON.—Reduction of the railroad work week to 30 hours, without reduction in pay, will be sought in a bill being prepared for Congress by the railroad unions.

PEDRO UNIONS OUT STRONG

Maritime unions at San Pedro prepared, financially and otherwise, to provide food and lodging for their members according to a statement made by C. H. Jordan, secretary of the San Pedro council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The relief committee has set up cooking accommodations in one San Pedro building which will provide for the feeding of 3000 men at one sitting.

Picketing mobilization was arranged so skillfully that at a moment's notice lines could be thrown around the 16 ships now at San Pedro docks.

Last week's strike poll showed a strong sentiment among maritime workers to defend themselves against the union-smashing tactics of the ship owners, especially among the longshoremen, when the San Pedro local voted at a ratio of 7 to 1 to strike.

Spain Delegation To Visit Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES.—The Spanish government delegation, now touring the United States to speak on the truth about the Spanish civil war, will speak here at Jeffers Auditorium, 123 North Lake Street, on November 22nd.

Shipowners Force 39,000 Maritime Workers to Act

East and Gulf Coast Support Assured Behind Fight For Life of Pacific Coast Maritime Unions

At midnight, Thursday, 39,000 Pacific Coast Maritime workers ceased work, as the strike call of the Joint Negotiating Committee of all the maritime unions went out. Every port from San Diego to Juneau and every boat was affected, except for the tankers and fishing craft.

The unions enter this strike powerfully knit together in the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The strike is assured of fullest support from the East and Gulf Coasts.

A sympathy strike on all American ships in the port of New York was called for noon Friday, Joseph Curran, chairman of the Seamen's Defense Committee, announced.

The shipowners forced the strike. The unions had done everything within reason to avoid a strike, through truces and compromises. The shipowners rejected the basic demands of the sea-going crafts, which are:

Union-controlled hiring hall for all sea-going crafts; cash payments of overtime for sea-going crafts eight hours in 12 for cooks and stewards; preferential employment for licensed desk and engineer department men.

The Pacific Coast strike call was the unanimous decision of the Joint Negotiations Committee after the deadline of 9 p. m. Thursday night had been reached, after shipowners still refused to grant the basic demands of the sea-going unions.

The Joint Negotiations Committee had been empowered to call the strike by a referendum of the members of all the maritime unions up and down the Coast. The balloting of all unions was overwhelming in favor of granting such authority to the Joint Committee, in some cases being almost 100 per cent in the affirmative.

The unions involved are:

International Longshoremen's Association; Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Marine Firemen; Oilers, Wipers and Water Tenders; Marine Cooks and Stewards; American Radio Telegraphists' Association; Masters, Mates and Pilots; Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

All the unions stood solidly united as the strike call began. Strike Committees set up by each union are united in a central strike committee, with Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast L.L.A. District President, as chairman and Mervyn Rathbone of the American Radio Telegraphists' Association as secretary.

Strike cards were issued at once and picketing up and down the Coast began at dawn, Friday.

All the unions on the Joint Committee had been assured by their unions on the East and Gulf Coasts that full support would be forthcoming in the event of a Pacific Coast strike.

In addition to the strike call announced by Curran in New York, Atlantic Coast longshoremen had withheld signing of their agreement pending the outcome of the West Coast situation.

No East Coast L.L.A. agreement had been signed up to the time of the Pacific Coast strike call.

A meeting of maritime workers was held in New York, with 3200 present, including 1000 longshoremen, it is reported. The meeting pledged fullest solidarity with the West Coast unions.

With large strike funds, feeding of strikers and legal defense will be centralized under the joint strike committee.

Support by many unions not connected with the waterfront had been pledged right along, in the event of a maritime strike, in every city up and down the Pacific Coast.

U.S. Constitution Is Again Flouted

SACRAMENTO.—The U. S. Constitution was again violated here last Wednesday when a police court jury convicted Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress, 3rd District, against the ultra-reactionary incumbent, Frank Buck, of "speaking in City Plaza without a permit."

Lewis for Labor Party

NEW YORK.—Both John L. Lewis, CIO chief, and William Green spoke this week for Roosevelt, but the difference was that Lewis said efforts will be made to build a national Labor Party for the 1940 elections.

Lewis spoke at a rally of the American Labor Party, which filled Madison Square Garden.

Students Strong For Earl Browder

REDWOOD CITY.—Students of Sequoia Union High School here definitely expressed their choice for the presidency by voting heavily for Earl Browder in a straw poll last Tuesday.

As they voted, the ones supporting the Communist candidate openly declared so by yelling, "Browder's the man!"



HARRY BRIDGES

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

The so-called "Constitutional Democrats" supporting Alf Landon's candidacy have put out a slogan: "Look at Spain, and Vote like Maine."

This brain-storm is a bats-in-the-belfry proposition from start to finish. First of all, if you look at Spain you will see that the murderous attack by the Spanish Fascists is against the great majority of the people and their legally constituted government. The Spanish Fascists are the rich, exploiting classes, so the obvious conclusion is to vote against anybody like them—in the United States, against Landon, who represents the Fascist forces.

We Communists invite working people to look at Spain, and then vote for the candidate who fights hardest against Fascism in America—our candidate, Earl Browder.

"Look at Maine" . . .

And now let's look at Maine, and we have proof positive that this slogan is phoney.

Representatives of the U. S. Senate Committee investigating campaign expenditures report that thousands of voters in Maine were threatened with disqualification at the polls because they were on the relief rolls, and that many of them failed to register and vote for fear of being challenged on this ground.

Do you remember how the du Ponts and the Morgans pumped \$60,000 into Maine for the Fascist Republican campaign?

Well, that money went to finance attacks on American constitutional guarantees. The G. O. P. is pulling the same kind of stuff the Spanish Fascists pulled, and is plotting to duplicate the Spanish Fascists still further with a Hitler-Mussolini dictatorship in the U.S.A., by force and violence if they think it necessary.

Williamson Welches . . .

When Ray Williamson was elected to the State Assembly of California two years ago, he promised to represent the voters of his 26th District, who are chiefly workers.

While we can't name the individual "big shots" whom Williamson stood for, we can state positively that he didn't represent his constituents in the last Legislature.

If he represented his constituents, he wouldn't have voted against the bill reducing the sales tax, which hits the workers hardest; he wouldn't have voted "out to lunch" when the vote came up to raise taxes on banks and corporations; he wouldn't have voted against exempting drugs and medicines from the sales tax; he wouldn't have voted against jacking up old-age pensions to a minimum of \$50 a month.

But just remember, you voters in the 26th District, that on November 3rd you can vote for a candidate who will represent your interests—our Communist nominee, Peter J. Garrison.

Another Landon Man . . .

On the subject of exposing reactionaries' records in the State Legislature, let's look at the record compiled by T. J. Cunningham, another Republican, who comes from the 56th Assembly District, Los Angeles.

Cunningham likewise voted against raising bank and corporation taxes, and voted for the loan shark bill. Public development of state oil lands ranks as a crime along with taxing banks and corporations, so Cunningham voted against such public development.

This Republican also voted against reducing the sales tax from 3 to 1.99 per cent, and against exempting drugs and medicines from sales taxation.

It's safe to say that the majority of the voters of this district want the things that Cunningham voted against, and didn't want most of the things that Cunningham voted for.

It's also safe to say that they'd be 100 per cent satisfied if they elected Clifford Leckrone, Communist nominee, to Assembly from this district, and get real representation in Sacramento.

Final Election Broadcasts In Southern Cal.

In Los Angeles Monday at 7:15-7:30 p.m., Harold J. Ashe, Communist candidate in the 14th Congressional District and L.A. County Campaign Manager, will speak over station KMTT on the main election issues of Southern California.

Stanley Hancock, San Diego On Sunday, November 1st, the Sacramento Young Communist League will sponsor an election broadcast over station KGDH, Stockton, at 7:30 p.m.

PEANUT HITLER DAVIS MAKES FASCIST MOVE

Plans Concentration Camps For Calif. Unemployed

LOS ANGELES—Chief "Peanut Hitler" Davis didn't wait long to bring his club down on the working people, after the City Council granted him sweeping powers to send his police officers outside city limits for "training purposes."

Davis announced he would keep all jobless workers outside the city limits, and, meeting with police officials, drew up plans for what may mean concentration camps for the unemployed who seek jobs in California.

Like Nazis in Germany Davis said he would establish "work camps" at various Southern California points, and recommend that all transients be fingerprinted and sentenced to six months.

Expressing himself as anxious to fingerprint all persons convicted of misdemeanors, Davis laid special emphasis on those who have no money and no place to sleep.

Trade unionists and liberals are wondering how soon the Peanut Hitler will turn loose on trade unions and progressive groups, the private army of stool pigeons he has been sticking badges on for the professed purpose of "fighting Communism."

Healy Wins Favor In San Rafael

By VERNOND HEALY

(Communist Candidate for Congress, 1st District, Northern Cal.) I would like to relate a few experiences in my campaign, canvassing on house-to-house canvassing.

It is sometimes thought that such towns as San Rafael, where Sanborn, the infamous "American Citizen" editor resides, would give a tough reception to Communist candidates. Such is not the case.

On Sunday, October 11th, I had some literature to distribute announcing a broadcast of October 16th. I went to San Rafael early Sunday morning, expecting to distribute the leaflets from door to door.

Unconscious Favor I had not gone far before I was hailed by a cop who wanted to know what I was doing. He notified me there was an ordinance prohibiting the distribution of any kind of literature. When he saw I could not be bluffed, he told me if I rang the bell and handed it to the people, it was within the law.

I found he had done a great favor to the campaign, for the reception I received was unbelievable. Out of a possible 300 calls, only six refused to accept the literature. The majority were glad to see me, and a good many assured me of their vote, some wishing me the best of luck.

With the proper house-to-house canvassing, I am sure some of our candidates will be elected.

Macfadden Praises Hitler and Landon

LOS ANGELES—Praising Mussolini and Hitler and the Fascist form of government, against "Roosevelt's Socialism," Bernard "Muscles" Macfadden, America's outstanding publisher of maudlin "confession" magazines and exponent of quack physical culture, hawked his reactionary wares here October 19th at a Landon-Knox rally held in the Biltmore Theatre.

Macfadden said that when he met Mussolini "he struck me as a reincarnation of an old-time Roman emperor."

He Adores Hitler "Mussolini is devoting his life to the service of his country—and he has done a hell of a good job."

"Hitler is the same way. He's doing a good job of it, too—there's no getting around that." Asked if he considered Hitler's anti-Semitism program a "minor Nazi defect," Macfadden replied that "from Hitler's point of view, it isn't a defect at all."

He Wants Fascism In U. S. Then in true Silver Shirt vein, he went on: "You know a lot of people claim the Jews financed the Communist revolution in an attempt to seize world power."

"I'm for democracy, but if it gets to the point where we can't have democracy, I'm for Fascism as the best alternative," said Macfadden, as he went on to "show" that democracy is all but a lost cause in America, unless Landon is elected.

RUSH FUNDS!

C.P. Election Drive L.A. SCORES

Need for all Communists to get the ball rolling in the last few days before November 3rd, election day, was stressed by the State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party in reporting latest returns from county campaign organizations throughout California.

Returns on \$2500 collected has been forwarded to the National Campaign Committee in New York City, in the last 10 days.

Los Angeles scored a big week in collecting funds for the People's Chest Against Reaction, turning in \$304.30.

On the other hand, San Francisco ran into a slump last week, only raising \$72.50. Alameda County turned in \$64.05.

The California Young Communist League did its bit for the fight against Hearst-Landon reaction and Fascism, by raising the sum \$95.20.

Fighting Funds

Other funds raised are as follows:

Sacramento, \$31.64; Contra Costa, \$17.50; Nevada, \$2.50; Red Bluff, \$2; Santa Barbara, \$24.02; San Diego, \$49.68; San Jose, \$5; San Mateo, \$26.50; San Bernardino, \$16.65; Fresno, \$25; and Fort Bragg, \$10.

All funds raised between now and November 3rd, next Tuesday, should be rushed immediately to State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters. Remember—it's a question of hours now, not weeks or days!

LIVE-WIRE C.P. UNIT WORKS IN COMPTON

COMPTON.—Success of open Communist Party meetings here is shown by recruiting of 10 new members into the Party and three into the Young Communist League in the last three weeks. A new members unit will be established, fulfilling the unit pledge. Also, as a result of this drive, a Y.C.L. branch for Compton, Lynwood and Southgate is in process of formation.

Library Established A working unit library was composed of all the pamphlets, magazines and books that could be collected from the unit members, plus one dollar's worth of new literature. Anyone wishing to take out this literature can do so by taking out a card and paying one cent per book per week. This money will be used to buy more pamphlets and books to enlarge the library.

This library can be used as a contact list; the educational director of the unit can use it for a "cussie" in the unit around a "cussie" question. Namely, it is the organizer of an educational campaign by concentrating scattered pamphlets into a library accessible to all.

Terror Grows In Imperial Valley

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The Associated Farmers, speakers misrepresented the lettuce workers' strike in the Salinas-Watsonville area as "fomented by Communist agitators."

Purpose of the meeting was to enlist all reactionary forces in Imperial County to crush by terror any movement by field workers to raise their meagre wages and to better their miserable working and living conditions.

Meanwhile, F. M. Bowles, proprietor of radio station KXO here, was trying to weasel out of giving Richardson time on the air this Friday night, October 30th, but was balked by the Federal Radio Communications Commission, which ruled Richardson must be given time on the air.

Then Bowles announced that he had "sold all the time between now and election day next Tuesday."

The Communist Party was preparing to seek an injunction against repetition of the vigilante attack upon Richardson, and to secure police protection for the C.P. candidate.

Public Enemy Hearst Stands Exposed

LOS ANGELES.—The whole sordid picture of the life of public enemy William Randolph Hearst was examined here recently at the Thursday Evening Discussion Club, when Paul Jordan Smith reviewed "Imperial Hearst," a biography.

HOW TO VOTE ON ELECTION PROPOSITIONS

Recommendations Of Communist Party For Nov. 3rd

The Communist Party recommends the following votes on propositions appearing on the November 3rd ballot. Clip this and take it to the polls with you:

Proposition No. 1 (San Francisco)—In effect, giving superior judges life jobs—Vote No.

Proposition No. 2—To repeal state income tax law—Vote No.

Proposition No. 3—For liquor control commission—Vote No.

Proposition No. 4—To lease tidelands for oil well drilling to owners of adjoining lands—Vote No.

Proposition No. 5—To create \$5,000,000 bond issue for Pacific Exposition—Vote No.

Proposition No. 6—For use of city land, buildings and streets for Pacific Exposition—Vote No.

Proposition No. 7—For county and municipal service system—No recommendation.

Proposition No. 8—Giving legislature right to order cancellation of voters' registration—Vote No.

Proposition No. 9—For local option on liquor—Vote No.

Proposition No. 10—Relates to motor vehicle fuel taxes—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 11—For teachers' tenure law—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 12—For appointive court of criminal appeals—Vote No.

Proposition No. 13—Relating to state agencies, condemning land—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 14—Consolidation of cities and counties—Vote No.

Proposition No. 15—Relating to assessment districts—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 16—Transfer of state money from one fund to another—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 17—Relative to tax collection methods—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 18—Referendum on tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine—Vote No.

Proposition No. 19—Increase appropriations for printing and clerical work for legislature—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 20—Permit giving away publicly owned museums, art galleries—Vote No.

Proposition No. 21—Separate prison board for females—No recommendation.

Proposition No. 22—Chain store tax—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 23—Change Railroad Commission's name to Public Service Commission—Vote No.

Proposition No. 24—Simplifies procedure for city or county charters—Vote Yes.

Blast Arguments On Tehachapi Proposition

Actual conditions at Tehachapi Women's Prison blast one of the main arguments of those sponsoring Proposition 21 on the November 3rd ballot, it is revealed.

The argument is given that Tehachapi can be made self-supporting, that the climate is healthy for the women inmates.

Actually the land is not fertile, is difficult of cultivation because it is alkaline soil, as evidenced by the fact there are no successful farmers in the area, which has been chiefly used for grazing.

Unhealthy Conditions Also, the water supply is wholly inadequate for irrigation of crops of any kind; the climate is rigorous, with hot summers and cold winters. The altitude is 4000 feet.

As to the "health" aspects, 85 percent of the women inmates suffer either from some form of neuritis, anemia, female disorders, and gynecological conditions, due to lack of calcium and iodine in the water.

It is also pointed out that any large scale production of manufactures will be injurious to organized labor, through the unfair competition of unpaid or poorly paid prison labor.

How Italy Acts To "Civilize" Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA—Italian "civilization" of Ethiopia continued last week when 30 Fascist war planes carried on "mass reprisals" against the village of Lekemti in Western Wallega province, as revenge against Ethiopian irregulars who last July ambushed and killed 30 Fascist aviators.

EMIL FREED



OPPOSES RED-BAITING KENT REDWINE

HOLLYWOOD.—Progressive anti-reactionary voters here in the 57th Assembly District shouldn't have much trouble deciding whom to vote for here next Tuesday.

There are two candidates. One is Emil Freed, Communist candidate, who is taking a leading role in the fight against reaction and for the building of a Labor Party in the district.

The other is the arch red-baiter and anti-people incumbent, Kent H. Redwine, whose record in the last Legislature, as compiled by the State Federation of Labor, showed but one progressive vote to 14 reactionary votes. Guess Whom Redwine Represents

For example, Redwine showed who was buttering his bread by voting against raising bank and corporation taxes, by voting against reducing the sales tax from 3 to 1.99 percent, against exempting drugs from the sales tax, against public development of state oil lands, and he voted for the loan shark bill.

Freed stands for raising bank and corporation taxes and taxes on all the rich individuals and corporations that can afford to pay; he stands for cutting out the sales tax on the poor, and for increasing the income tax in the higher brackets of the rich people.

The Communist nominee stands for public development of state oil lands, with the workers employed at trade union wages and conditions, as on all public and private projects. He stands for strong measures against loan sharks, who rob the poor people.

DENY WAGE RISE

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. has rejected a demand by employee representatives of the Homestead plant for a \$1.12 a day wage increase. This is expected to further jog up the movement of the company unions toward the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (C.I.O.).

RERCUITING TEMPO INCREASES

Bakersfield Doubles Its Membership

L.A. TIES SAN FRANCISCO!

With a mighty spurt of 54 new members, Los Angeles tied San Francisco with 156 new recruits each, as the Browder-Ford Recruiting Drive of the Communist Party went into its eighth week.

But San Francisco comrades immediately promised to surpass Los Angeles, a threat which warned Los Angeles comrades against developing over-sized heads.

Bakersfield is the first Party Section to ring the bell by doubling their membership, but have not yet fulfilled their pledge to build an Oil Shop Unit.

San Diego remained the "problem child" of the drive, with only five recruits added to its 150 members. There should be some real action forthcoming from our San Diego comrades.

The drive has 13 weeks left, the California Executive Committee of the C. P. pointed out, and all lagging sections can easily make up for lost time and double their membership, if every comrade concentrates on one friend each and recruits him into the Party by January 21st, Lenin Memorial Day.

We're Tired of Goose-Eggs At last Santa Clara is heard from with four recruits, and Monterey with four more new members. But Sonoma Section only sent in one recruit, and Contra Costa, San Mateo, Fort Bragg and Santa Barbara contributed goose-eggs for their week's score.

Protest Violation of U. S. Constitutional Rights By El Centro Vigilante Mob

Eye Witness Account Of Vigilantism In Imperial Valley

By GEORGE HATFIELD

EL CENTRO—After reading screaming headlines in the El Centro Morning Post of the radio talk to be given by Esco Richardson and Bessie Keckler on October 23rd, out of curiosity, I went to the offices of station KXO at 7th and Main streets about 20 minutes before the broadcast was scheduled to begin.

Richardson and Mrs. Keckler were inside the broadcasting office and everything was quiet outside, with a half a dozen men standing across the street:

Thugs Swarm

Promptly at seven o'clock the street swarmed with about 250 men who appeared suddenly from adjacent stores and garages. They crowded around the station entrance.

I heard shouts, "Let's get him out!" and "Let's cut the wires." A number went in and out of the station several times, but the door to the studio was locked and several efforts to break the door failed.

The lights in the studio went on and off several times and finally remained out. A medium sized sedan was parked directly in front of the station, with both doors open.

Who Was the Leader? Members of the crowd kept reporting back to the occupant of the car, who seemed to be the leader. The car license number was 1V-8537.

About 7:30 Richardson appeared at the door of the radio station. Men all around were hitting him and Richardson had his arms over his face for protection. A heavy blow knocked him to the floor. The crowd shouted, "He's coming now!" and rushed into the studio hallway.

Richardson regained his feet and was floored again. He was on his feet in a moment and then knocked down the third time. This time he did not move for over two minutes. Members of the crowd yelled, "sock him" and "smash his face."

Richardson got to his feet and started walking very slowly as though he was dazed. The crowd followed, pelting him with chunks of ice and rotten eggs. The crowd was so dense, I lost sight of him in about a minute. When I last saw him, his left eye was bleeding and the side of his face was badly swollen. His clothes were a mess and his shoulders were dripping with eggs.

I did not see a single policeman during the entire affair.

Imperial Valley Terror Protested By C.P. of Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Protesting the abrogation of constitutional rights in Imperial Valley, the Communist Party of California sent the following telegram to Governor Merriam and to Attorney General U.S. Webb:

"We demand immediate investigation Imperial Valley outrages, dismissal Sheriff Ware and Police Chief, arrest and prosecution of vigilantes who brutally attacked Communist Congressional candidate. Constitutional rights of citizens being violated with impunity and failure to act means state authorities condone outrages."

"ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman."

REDWOOD CITY ASSURES FREE SPEECH RIGHT

REDWOOD CITY.—"Scare" stories in the capitalist press that the Communist Party had been granted use of the Council chamber here for a campaign meeting on Thursday, October 29th, only under certain special and stringent regulations, were exposed as lies in a letter sent from C.L. Dimmitt, acting city manager, to the Communist Party.

"On behalf of the City Council," wrote Dimmitt, "I wish to assure you that the permission granted the representative of the Communist Party to use the Council chamber for the meeting of October 29th was restricted by no terms or conditions other than the general laws which govern any public meeting."

"I have also personally interviewed the Commander of the American Legion Post of Redwood City and he assures me that no such remark, as quoted from the San Francisco News in your letter (reporting a threat of vigilantism against the meeting), emanated officially from the Post or even indirectly so far as he could ascertain."

Mayor Paul A. McCarthy wrote:

From The Mayor "I feel sure that Miss Whitney, your speaker, will present a dignified and forceful exposition of the principles of your party, and that neither any utterances of her or any other speaker in our public auditorium, nor any action of any organization or group of citizens will give any occasion for complaint that freedom of speech is denied to any citizen in Redwood City."

"I believe that I express the feelings of most Americans in respect to the principles of your party, and its right to make a public exposition of them when I quote the famous aphorism of Voltaire: 'I will oppose with all my might the principles advocated by you, but I would give my life that you might have the right to advocate them.'"

"The only limitation upon this sentiment is that no government can tolerate public advocacies of force or violence to work a change in its form or the manner of its fulfillment of its obligations. However, I am sure that there will be no occasion to invoke this exception on the occasion of your meeting in Redwood City."

Press Scores Illegal Terrorism In El Centro

Indignant protests followed the vigilante attack on Esco L. Richardson, Communist candidate for Congress, 20th District, in El Centro on Friday night, October 23rd.

The San Diego Sun commented editorially:

Press Comments "Once more a Communist has been mobbed in the Imperial Valley by vigilantes. Once more the right of free speech has been outraged by the very people who should be most eager to protect that right against all opposition."

"Esco L. Richardson, the Communist candidate for Congress, went to El Centro to speak over the radio. As the legal candidate of a party that is legal in California, he was exercising a legal right."

The San Francisco Chronicle stated:

"Under the Constitution of the United States and of California, the ordinances of El Centro and the rules of common decency, the local police officers were in duty bound to protect him (Richardson) against violence, while in the exercise of that legal right. And they were fully warned that this violence was threatened."

I.L.D. Protest To Police Chief J. Sterling Oswald, El Centro, and to Sheriff Robert Ware of Imperial County, the International Labor Defense, Northern California District, sent the following protest:

"This organization registers with you its strongest condemnation of your lack of official responsibility in tolerating the beating of Esco Richardson, Communist Congressional candidate, by a mob of vigilantes on October 23rd in territory the peace of which is your responsibility."

The fact that you did not take effective measures either to protect his right to speak over a radio station or to protect him from the assaults of a mob is direct connivance with an open, flagrant Fascist attack on the rights of a citizen and candidate for public office and on civil rights generally."

CP, SP Nominees Speak Sunday

LOS ANGELES.—Harold J. Ashe, Communist candidate for Congress, 14th District, and Glen Trimble, Socialist candidate, will appear on the same platform next Sunday, November 1st, 8 p.m. at Millinery Workers' Union Hall, 116 1/2 West 9th St., to discuss the 1936 election issues.

The meeting, which is being held under the auspices of the Workers Alliance of California, displaces the usual Sunday night Forum of the Socialist Party held at the same address.

In addition to Ashe and Trimble other candidates for Congress in the 14th District have been asked to appear and present their programs.

Supports Votes For Filipino Women

MANILA, P.I.—Support for votes for women in the Philippine Islands, was promised here by President Manuel E. Quezon.

Quezon said he will lend his influence to enfranchise women at the plebiscite next April.

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Rush Aid To Embattled Spanish Workers!

PORTUGAL'S preposterous charges that the Soviet Union is responsible for the civil war in Spain is but the latest smoke screen put up by his puppet of British imperialism to hide her own guilt in supplying German and Italian arms, ammunition, planes and tanks to the murderous Fascist hordes of General Franco. That this stupid charge by Portugal was approved, if not inspired, by England is indicated by the haste with which England sprang to the defense of Portugal following the protest note sent by the Soviet Union to the non-intervention committee.

Although refusing to call a special meeting of the committee to consider the concrete proposal made by the Soviet Union to enforce the terms of the non-intervention agreement by a joint blockade of Portuguese ports, Lord Plymouth makes the gesture of calling a sub-committee to "explore" new measures of enforcement. Even this late gesture, meaningless though it is, is a tacit admission of the guilt of Italy, Germany and Portugal, as charged by the Soviet Union!

The denunciation of the sham non-intervention pact by the Soviet Union was the next logical step to the Soviet note, which declared that the Spanish government must be returned "the right and facilities to purchase arms outside Spain, which rights and facilities are enjoyed at present by the governments of the world."

This step by the Soviet Union must be supported by the workers and anti-Fascists throughout the world, through appropriate action, to break the Fascist blockade against Spain. Mass pressure by working class organizations, especially trade unions, can force the governments of France and England to sell Spain the arms she so sorely needs to defend herself against the attacks of Hitler and Mussolini being carried out by their tool, General Franco! American workers, too, should demand Spain be given its right to have arms shipped from here!

All American anti-Fascists, all lovers of democracy and foes of war, should speed the collection of funds, hospital and medical supplies and clothes to the Spanish defenders of democracy, the People's Front Government.

The Communist Party will receive financial contributions to be forwarded to the People's Front Government. Medical supplies, clothing, should be sent in to the International Labor Defense, at 1005 Market Street in San Francisco, and 127 So. Broadway in Los Angeles.

Sonoma County Defiles Americanism

AMID CHEERS and applause of a vigilante audience, the foreman of the jury which had heard evidence against the remaining vigilante leaders who had tarred and feathered Nitzberg and Green in Sonoma County more than a year ago declared the defendants "not guilty."

The case was an open and shut one. The defense did not even make a serious attempt to deny the participation of the defendants in the mob action. They rested their case upon an appeal to the "patriotism" of the jurors; one of the defense attorneys actually waved a small American flag. The tarring and feathering, they declared, was an upright, an honorable act; one in accord with the best traditions of "Americanism."

The husband of one of the jurors actually participated in the lynch mob. The jury was out 16 minutes. When they brought in an acquittal the vigilante defendants stepped up and shook their hands. The audience applauded. And the "prosecution?" In his final summation, one of the prosecuting attorneys declared that his task had been "an unpleasant duty." One can imagine with what ardor he pushed the prosecution. Certainly it is evident that the so-called prosecution were actually attorneys for the defense.

Thus ends the farce which was started when the Attorney General's office moved for indictments only a year after the actual attack against Nitzberg and Green. These indictments meant nothing. The jury was hand-picked. The prosecution went through its motions. And Sonoma County has once

more spat upon the Constitution and defiled the term Americanism.

Real Americans in Sonoma County are outraged by this farce. We urge all small farmers and workers, all friends of democracy to register their protest by voting for Vernon Healy, Communist candidate for Congress.

Imperial Valley Makes Its Bid

NOT to be outdone, Imperial Valley makes its bid, in competition with Terre Haute and Tampa, as the most reactionary spot in America, as the place where Landon's program finds most open and complete expression. Imperial Valley has a long and bloody record of vigilante violence against agricultural workers, and the attack made upon Communist candidates by a mob sporting sunflower buttons lives up to the worst traditions of the Valley.

The wrecking of the radio station (this could be punished under the Criminal Syndicalism Act, Mr. Attorney General!) and the brutal beating of the Communist candidate for Congress, Esco Richardson, finds Governor Merriam and his law enforcement agencies silent as the tomb, despite demands that action be taken to punish those responsible, which includes the sheriff of Imperial County and the Chief of Police of El Centro. Yet the Governor acts with alacrity when the highway patrol is needed to shoot tear gas at strikers!

Now Station KXO in El Centro, fearing another wrecking mob, is attempting to evade the law which requires that it must give time to all political candidates. Undaunted by vigilante mobs, the Communist Party is determined to bring the real issues of the 1936 campaign to the workers of Imperial Valley. The Communist Party has appealed to the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the law by instructing KXO it must go through with the broadcast.

The support of all working class organizations and liberal people must be thrown behind the Communist Party's attempt to enforce the Bill of Rights in Imperial Valley! Free speech must be defended. Wire protests to the Sheriff of Imperial County and to El Centro's Chief of Police, demanding protection for Richardson. Wire and write to Governor Merriam and Attorney General Webb in Sacramento, demanding the punishment of those responsible for the assault on October 23rd.

The Stooze Removes His Mask

WHEN at the opening of this election campaign the Communist Party declared that Lemke is a stooze for Landon, there were scoffers who pointed to the "attacks" made by Lemke against Landon. Recently the announcement by Dr. Townsend, urging all California Townsends to support Landon, made the number of California scoffers dwindle. Finally, along comes A. W. Robinette, Lemke campaign manager for Southern California, urging all Lemke followers to vote for Landon and Knox, and all other Republican candidates.

Now where are the scoffers?

All persons who previously intended voting for Lemke because they are interested in real social justice should vote not for Landon, who is the candidate of the reactionaries, the champion of the open-shoppers, the spearhead of the Fascist drive—but for Browder, the candidate running on a platform of American democracy, of jobs with decent pay, of equal opportunity for all.

All who intended casting their votes for the Union Party because they were under the impression it was a real people's political movement in defense of the everyday needs of the masses, should vote Communist, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party with a program against reaction and Fascism, for democracy and progress.

A vote for Landon is a vote for reaction, against social security, for a program which aims to achieve Fascism in America.

A vote for Roosevelt is a vote for vacillation, indecisiveness, capitulation to the reactionary forces when Roosevelt feels he has won the confidence of the people.

A vote for Browder and Ford is a vote for a Farmer-Labor Party, for democracy, for the raising of the living standards of the people!

BUILDING THE BULWARK AGAINST FASCISM



Truth About the Waterfront

(Speech delivered by Jack Moore, Section Organizer, Harbor Section, San Pedro, over KMT Thursday, October 22. Clauses in parentheses were cut out by the station censor.) Friends:

A two-year campaign against the Maritime Unions in the newspapers and over the radio came to a climax a few weeks ago with a story in a Hearst paper that "Communism is not coming to the waterfront; it is already here." Timed to break just before the shipowners planned to lock out the Maritime Unions on October first, this story was supposed to furnish the justification for any measure the shipowners and their agents might use against Organized Labor on the waterfront.

Capitalists' Aims
By labeling the maritime unions as Red, Organized Capital hoped to frighten the shore-side unions from defending them in case of attacks and to alienate the general public from the unions. This would give the employers the opportunity to use vigilantes and police to suppress the unions with force, without opposition from the public.

Therefore, it is necessary for the Harbor Section of the Communist Party to cut through this tissue of falsehood surrounding the maritime industry and lay bare the real issues so that they may be seen and clearly understood by the very people whom the shipowners are trying to dupe.

The real issue on the waterfront is not Communist Dictatorship, as the shipowners charge. This is a straw man which the shipowners create to destroy with the bayonets of the National Guard and the riot clubs of the police. But the bayonets and the riot clubs enter the living flesh and crush the skulls of living workers, organized for open and legitimate purposes, fighting for everything that is held to be decent by Americans. And the straw man created by the shipowners is to blind your eyes as to what is actually taking place.

Shipowners' Profits
Nor is the real issue the continued existence of the shipowners in business. Their stories about being ruined by union wages are ridiculous in the face of the facts. Take, for example, the Matson company. In 1920, its net income was \$1,245,000; and it paid to the Second Assistant Engineer on its ships, \$200 per month.

In 1934 its income had risen to the highest in its history, \$2,982,000; but the wages of the Second Assistant Engineers had shrunk to \$130 per month. Between 1920 and 1934, the net worth of the Matson Company had increased 234 per cent. It has paid \$14,593,000 in cash dividends; \$27,711,000 in stock dividends! Other shipowners have made similar gains. From 1923 to 1932 inclusive, four officials of the Dollar Line: R. Stanley Dollar, J. Harold Dollar, Herbert Fleishacker and H. M. Lorber, piled up a grand total in salaries, bonuses and profits of \$14,690,000! The principal reason for the tremendous profits of the shipowners is the huge Federal subsidies given them—in the form of mail contracts, sale of ships, and low interest on construction loans amounting to \$708,618,000!

In order further to confuse the public and to give the impression that maritime workers are against a peaceful settlement, the shipowners recently sent out chain letters to shippers, asking them to write to local union officials and demand that they submit to arbitration, and keep

What, then, is the real issue on the waterfront? It is whether or not the shipowners shall have the power of unlimited exploitation over the 37,000 men employed in the maritime industry on the Pacific Coast. The shipowners, a small minority group, are willing to halt every ship on the Pacific Coast in order to gain their own ends. They would deprive every one of the 37,000 maritime workers and their 100,000 dependents of their means of livelihood.

Are the shipowners driven to such brutal measures by the unreasonableness of Organized Labor, by its undisciplined and arrogant behavior?

Conditions on Ships

You may judge for yourselves by hearing the conditions of the men who work the ships and move the cargo on this coast. The longshoremen, whose job is most dangerous and whose accident rate is highest of the maritime crafts, work for 95c and hour straight time and \$1.40 an hour overtime. They work a six-hour day and 120 hours a month. This is the only way, in normal times, that all of them can get enough work to live on.

The unlicensed sea-going men do not fare so well. Working only seven or eight months out of the year, sailors on deck receive \$40 per month as Ordinary and \$62.50 as Able Seamen.

They are supposed to work 56 hours a week at sea, but no extra pay for emergencies. Short-handed ships have many emergencies. Marine firemen work 56 hours a week in heat ranging as high as 150 degrees. They get at most \$70 per month. Their messrooms and sleeping quarters average 90 degrees temperature. Marine cooks and stewards get from \$45 to \$125 per month, working 10 hours a day over a spread of 15 hours, averaging 70 hours per week. All these men sleep in small quarters, with 8 to 10 men per room. Consequently, tuberculosis is prevalent among seamen.

Can any decent person say that these men, constantly exposed to the hazards of sea-faring, are not entitled to maintain their organizations and to improve their living standards by the few cents per hour they are demanding?

If the employers openly came out against provision for the health, safety, dignity, and American standard of living of their employees, they would call down the wrath of every decent person upon their heads. Therefore, they camouflage their desires with such vague phrases as individual initiative, the "American system," and so on.

"Look Into the Mirror Yourself"
Confronted with a union committee representing the fundamental desires of 37,000 workers, the shipowners yell about autocracy. They might well look into the mirror, because they represent only themselves, acting in their own selfish interests.

In order further to confuse the public and to give the impression that maritime workers are against a peaceful settlement, the shipowners recently sent out chain letters to shippers, asking them to write to local union officials and demand that they submit to arbitration, and keep

on the waterfront. However, they did not include in the letter the issues which they wanted arbitrated.

First of all, the shipowners wanted blanket arbitration, without any definition of issues.

When the unions logically replied that they preferred first to negotiate directly with the shipowners, to see where they might disagree, the shipowners shifted their ground. They put outrageous proposals, knowing full well the unions could not meet them, and demanded that they be arbitrated. The purpose of this maneuver was to center the dispute on the false issue of arbitration, instead of on the real issues—the unreasonable demands of the shipowners.

These demands included: the return of the twelve-hour day, lower wage standards in the face of rising prices, abolition of the unions as organizations by abolishing hiring halls, instituting piece-work in the handling of cargo, and giving the shipowners the right to blacklist any man they please from the industry!

Unions' Very Existence Involved
It should be obvious to any thinking person that the unions cannot arbitrate their existence as organizations. Therefore, they have decided to take a strike vote on those basic issues which involve union principles and existence of the unions—union hiring halls, the six-hour day for longshoremen, and cash overtime for seamen. If the shipowners will not agree to these basic demands by October 28, the unions are voting to strike. If the shipowners will agree, then the unions will be ready to discuss with them arbitration of other issues—such as, job conditions and wage scales.

I have said that Communism is not the issue on the waterfront today. But this does not mean that we Communists attempt to conceal our role or our purposes. Unlike the shipowners, who can achieve their ends only by obscuring the real issues and befuddling the public, we Communists can accomplish our purposes only by informing the majority of people of them, for our interests, as a working-class political party, are identical with those of the majority.

We Communists are not "outsiders" or "alien agitators" as is so often charged against us. Our Party is composed entirely of working men and women, Americans, members of trade unions. For this reason, the Communist Party, of all parties, supports the maritime unions 100 per cent in their economic demands, (although, as a political party, our full program of revolutionary social change goes far beyond the program of the trade unions. We recognize that the majority of our brother unionists are not yet ready for our full program. Therefore, we advocate that the trade unions take the road of independent political action, together with the middle class of town and country, by forming a Farmer-Labor Party for their immediate economic and political needs.

The most common justification for the suppression of us Communists is that we advocate force and violence. We repudiate this charge as a downright lie. We are opposed to violence. It is just as false to accuse us Communists of advocating force and

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Norman Thomas and Hearst

SOME SOCIALISTS don't like it when we say that the line followed by the Socialist Party leadership is playing into the hands of and aiding the Republican Party election campaign; they think we are "exaggerating." But according to the latest reports, Norman Thomas was quoted as charging that the Communists are supporting Roosevelt, that we only favor a Farmer-Labor party because we want to "dominate" it, and that we are taking "orders from Moscow." As Earl Browder says, it sounds like a Hearst editorial.

Norman Thomas has been engaged in a bitter struggle with the right-wing "Old Guard" leaders who have split away from the Socialist Party, because of its leftward trend. But how much difference is there between Thomas' statements and the reactionary ex-Socialists like Cahan who justify the arrest of Browder and instead protest against "Soviet persecution?" How much difference is there between Thomas' statements and the Trotskyites who defend and condone the murderers who plotted against the lives of Soviet leaders?

Thomas proclaims that the issue of 1936 is "Socialism or Capitalism" in America; with these ultra-revolutionary phrases, he reproaches the Communists with being opportunists and reformists (because we say the issue is democracy versus reaction), but he lends his pen and his oratory to the anti-Soviet crusade against the only country where there is Socialism. And now he repeats the Hearst slanders against the Communist election policy which says: "Hearst's Landon-Knox ticket must be defeated at all costs." Thomas has gotten himself into strange company, for a Socialist leader. The Socialist Party will pay the cost dearly, when the returns are counted on election day.

Catholics In Spain

NEWSPAPERS FROM SPAIN prove that not all Catholics are Fascists. On the contrary, not only are the big majority of the Spanish people, who are mainly Catholic, supporting the People's Front government, but that even many of the Catholic clergy are on the side of the government against the Fascists.

This was brought out by the arrival in America of a Catholic priest as part of a delegation representing the Spanish Peoples Front, which is touring the country under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Democracy in Spain. This priest sharply condemned the Catholic press and clergy in America for their siding with the Fascists, and swallowing whole the "atrocity" stories that Hearst is circulating about Spain. If any of the Catholic clergy suffered in Spain, it was because they actively took part in the bloody civil war being waged by the Fascists against the democratic republic. The Catholic people recognize who really fight in their interests, and are united with Communists, Socialists, in the Peoples Front to save democracy.

Similarly, the ravings of Father Coughlin does not prove that all Catholics in America are Fascist-minded. On the contrary, we believe that the great majority of American Catholics, who are mainly workers and farmers and middle-class people, oppose Fascism, which is the enemy of all the people. We believe they will fight for the defense of democracy, and will be a part of the American Peoples Front, in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party, when it takes shape in the struggle against Fascist reaction in this country.

It is a vital necessity for the maritime unions in San Pedro to effect the unity between the unions in San Francisco and the Gulf, have achieved—a unity that has resulted in improving the conditions of all maritime workers—white, Negro, Filipino, and Mexican.

In unity lies the strength of those who labor. No boss-created race prejudice or playing of race against race, craft against craft, worker against businessman or farmer, should take place in this impending struggle. We call upon all decent people to support the just demands of the maritime unions. The Communist Party will do all in its power to effect this unity. John Leech, the Communist candidate for the 17th Congressional District, comprising the harbor area, is committed to the policy outlined in this speech. We ask you to vote for him in the coming election. We ask all honest workers to join the Communist Party.

To combat this menace to democracy, to preserve our democratic rights, all trade unionists, unorganized workers, unemployed, farmers, and business and professional people must rally to support the maritime unions.

Furthermore, the shipowners are using boss-created race prejudices in their attempts to beat the maritime workers. They are playing Negro against white, Filipino against Mexican, and vice versa. For example, shipowners' agents are attempting to recruit Negro workers in the South Side of Los Angeles to be used as scabs in the event of a lockout. The Negro workers are not fooled by the sweet poison promises of the shipowners. The Negro workers have proved in past struggles to be good fighters in their own interests, the interests of Organized Labor.

Correction

Several readers have inquired about the editorial, "Why You Should Vote Communist," in the Western Worker's special election issue. Under the head was a description of a general attack on the working class—this was due to transposition of the sub-head, "If You Vote Republican," which should have been above the first paragraph, which described what would occur in event of a Landon victory.

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YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

A Disgruntled Reader

Speaks His Mind

MANY OF OUR READERS have written to the Western Worker praising this column, but until the letter below arrived, we have received no criticism of its form, although probably many people are not satisfied. I am constantly trying to improve "People's Health" and therefore print this letter in the hope that it will stimulate others to send in their suggestions toward its improvement. (I don't mind the colorful language.)

Santa Barbara, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Well, I have kept still as long as I can. For Heaven's sake, why do you persist in running and enlarging that obnoxious section labeled "People's Health." I am not casting disparaging comment on the worthy and probably very capable doctor. Why does the Western Worker display in word pictures the disgusting and diseased interiors of those morons, male and female, who love to disclose their horrid symptoms to unsuspecting readers?

If it is really necessary to have our sensibilities offended, why not also have a department for the love-lorn a la Dorothy Dix, some minds relish that sort of thing also.

F. M.

Dr. Franklin E. Bissell



A Workers' Paper Must Contain

Subjects of Mass Interest

Comment: In comparing this column with that of Colleague Dorothy Dix, F. M. is evidently referring to the mistakes in grammar and spelling and the uneducated ideas that some of the workers who write to us have.

We must always keep in mind that we are trying to make the "Western" into a paper for the masses with a mass appeal, and we cannot do this by filling its columns with theoretical discussions on Marxism-Leninism. We must make it as lively as possible and it must contain largely material of mass interest written in the language of the masses. Workers are intensely interested in medical subjects, which is shown by the fact that nearly every Capitalist daily runs a health column.

We Try to Maintain Close

Contact With the Workers

The printing of letters written by readers, describing their symptoms more or less at length, has been somewhat of an experiment, as I know of no other health columnist that does it. One difference between the "Western Worker" and Capitalist newspapers is that we attempt to maintain very close contact with the workers. I have felt that this could be best accomplished in my column by letting the readers describe their own symptoms if they are fairly accurate, rather than my telling of typical cases.

This is your paper and your column. It is up to you to tell us what you do and what you don't like about it. So everyone write in and answer the following questions: Do you agree with F. M. that symptoms should not be described at length in print? Do you believe that the correspondent should do the describing? Do you like the articles on medical news subjects or should the column consist entirely of practical health suggestions? Do the editorial comments on such things as Health Insurance, industrial diseases, etc., interest you?

Women on the March

BY MARY GARFIELD

GALLILEO did his own thinking, and some of it he wrote down in books. Now in his day, the thinking had all been done. It was a finished and complete job. This put old Galileo on the spot. The "ruling class" of his day burned all this "subversive" literature that he had been putting out, and destroyed the delicate instruments that he had perfected for his fine calculations in studying the sun, moon and stars and one thing and another.

Today we hail him as one of the greatest in history. We name public schools after him. There is a Galileo School in San Francisco!

Does his name as a label give the school freedom of thought and freedom of speech? It certainly does not.

Wives of longshoremen, and mothers of children made a pilgrimage over there the other day, to ask WHY?

A teacher had said that the reds were causing all the trouble on the waterfront. Of course we were told that she had not said it, and we were at the same time given a dissertation on economics that seemed to take us back into the days of dear old Galileo, when the rulers burned his books.

It Happens Throughout

The Golden State

ALL OVER CALIFORNIA, in the public schools the children of our men on the waterfront, factory, and field are taking stuff like this. The classroom starts it and the school yard takes it up.

Let it never be said of you that when your child comes home and tells you something like this, you reply: "Aw, don't pay any attention to it." You're to pay plenty of attention to it and report it immediately, while it is fresh in your mind. Report it to this column, or to your organization and have a committee proceed at once to the school and protest against this infringement on our rights.

Don't underestimate the school child's ability to spread propaganda.

Remember that the public school system instills in the child's mind, because it intends and plans to, the idea that the teacher is always right!

In our city, among some of the foreign born who value education very highly, what the child brings home from school is gospel. The teacher is a being set apart on a high moral plane.

We, who have weathered a storm or two, know different from all this, and it is distinctly our job to watch our schools. If this isn't women's work to see that we get what we pay for, whose work is it? We pay for education, we can get all the propaganda we want for nothing, particularly now so close to election.

If we want our children taught along sectarian lines, we can put them in special schools for that purpose.

We have chosen to send our children to the public schools! How about proceeding at once to demand that a copy of the Bill of Rights be framed and hung in every class room, and that after reading the Bill of Rights each morning the children salute the flag on the basis of the Bill of Rights.

Could Aid Liberty

Statue Anniversary

Will F.R. Do It?

When President Roosevelt speaks Wednesday, Oct. 28th, at the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, he could declare:

"The masses of the American people are opposed to the present widespread alien-baiting and persecution of the foreign born."

He could say it truthfully but will he?

He is urged to make such a declaration by prominent members of the advisory board of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. These members include Professor Emeritus John Dewey of Columbia University; Professor Robert Morris Lovett of the University of Chicago; Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Vito Marcantonio, U.S. Congressman from New York; Carol King, of the International Juridical Association; Professor Bernhard J. Stern, of Columbia University; and Rabbi Edward L. Israel.

"The Statue of Liberty," their letter says, "has been a symbol of special significance to the millions of immigrants who came to this country seeking freedom from oppression and equality of opportunity. Fifty years ago, at the dedication of the statue, this country was spoken of as an asylum of the oppressed, a haven for political refugees who had been driven from their homelands."

San Francisco.

EDITOR: In reading Dr. Bissell's very interesting series on health and illnesses of factory workers, I as a longshoreman am inclined to ask, "How about the marine industry?"

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Vicious Spain Film!

To Glorify Fascists

Protest At Once!

NEW YORK.—Plans to glorify the Spanish Fascists in a Hollywood film have led the New Film Alliance to call for a nationwide protest.

The film, planned by Twentieth Century-Fox, would use the siege of the Alcazar as its theme. H. R. Knickerbocker, Hearst's atrocity artist, has been retained as technical editor and adviser, the New Film Alliance reports. The film, if carried into production, will picture as barbarians the republican fighters for their country's freedom, while making heroes of the military clique who drove workers' women and children into the fortress to shield themselves.

A sufficient flood of protests can halt the production, says the alliance, urging that they be sent to the producer, Darryl Zanuck of Twentieth-Century-Fox at Hollywood.

RIPTIDES

BY D. L. SAUNDERS

HOW many of you landlubbers were ever down on the pier sailing day? Did you kind of cover your ears and look up towards the smokestacks (we call them funnels) where the whistle was sounding off in a roaring blast? That vapor pouring out from around the whistle was steam—real live scalding hot steam.

Maybe, if you weren't too landlubberish, you noticed the way the steam sort of melted in to the freshly painted stack and left streaks of white. That whistle ain't there just to thrill passengers. It's there for a more serious reason. Night time. A starless night. And the moon kind of late getting out of bed. Suddenly a blot just a little darker than the rest of the black horizon ahead. That's when the whistle comes in handy.

Or—a thick fog. One of those kind in which you can't even see the bow of your own ship. All at once you hear somewhere close by—damn close—the steady thump, thump of a ship's propeller. Yeh, of another ship. That's when the whistle comes in handy.

Or—it can be on a nice sunny morning—Sunday morning. The look-out long since gone being, low. The A.B. at the wheel gazing at the compass. One hand shading his eyes from the bright sun. The horizon ahead of him just a ball of sunshine. The mate, in the chartroom, plotting our eight a.m. position.

Suddenly, as though riding on a shaft of sunbeam, out of practically nowhere, a ship looms up right smack ahead. That's when the whistle, comes in handy.

Quite naturally the steam is always turned on the whistle. Oh, yes; there's even a U. S. Steamboat Inspection Law which says that this must be so at all times.

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Scab! Scab! Scab! The scum of all the earth. Scab! Scab! Scab! What is their labor worth? Where is the land that prospers, when

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The point I want to raise here is this: It cost the crew a log of four days' pay—and a bum discharge.

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And all because they simply acted as good union men, in protecting themselves from unnecessary risk.

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"It Can't Happen Here," stage adaptation of Sinclair Lewis's famed anti-fascist novel of the same name, was scheduled to open simultaneously in San Francisco, Los Angeles and thirteen other cities Oct. 27th.

In Los Angeles the playhouse is the Mayan Theater, 11th and Hill Sts. In San Francisco, it's the Columbia Theater, 135 O'Farrell St. All performances are by the Federal Theater Projects.

In Los Angeles two performances of the play were scheduled by the Yiddish Unit of the project, Oct. 27 and 28 at the Figueroa Playhouse.

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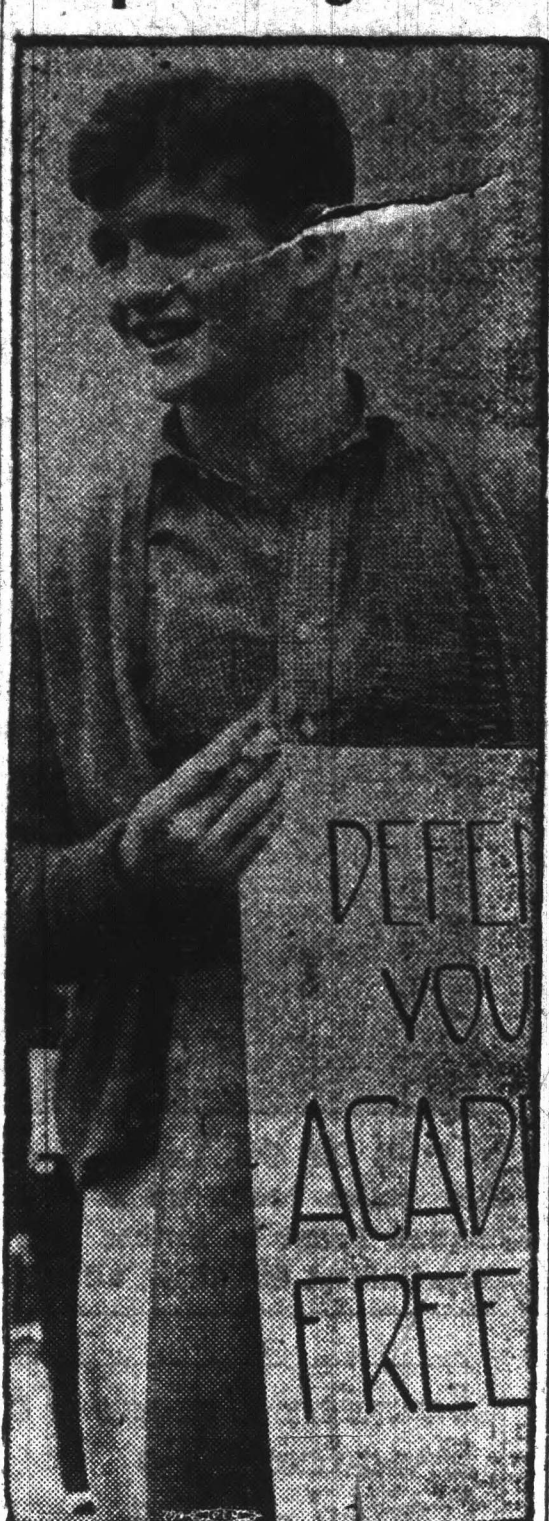
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Stop Aiding Nazis!



"DEFEND YOUR ACADEMIC FREEDOM," says this picket's sign carried by Robert Burke, president-elect of the Junior class of Columbia University, who is picketing Columbia University demanding reinstatement. He was kicked out for opposing his alma mater's participation in Nazi observances at Heidelberg last year.

A Picture of

Jesse Owens

Alfred Landon reclines in a plushbottom chair studying the campaign views, wondering where black leaders can be found to swell the Negro vote.

Suddenly he screams for a ward boss. Jesse Owens! Jesse Owens! He's a good man to turn the Negro vote. Enlist him! Enlist him!

Jesse Owens is having trouble with the A. A. A. Contracts for personal appearances have vanished into thin air

Jesse Owens is called on. Through idealistic eyes he visualizes himself a political czar,

leading people, receiving the plaudits of aristocrats: Owens, the statesman, the educator.

In his trance Nazi Germany's contempt for non-Aryan feats is a vague memory; Brisbane's anti-Ethiopian propaganda in Hearst papers, the Black Legion thrill murders all seem far from reality

Owens, the Olympic champion, idol of youth, offspring of Negro suffering, would retrace the steps of the elder leaders, the old road of false security surrendering the masses he loves to Hearst, the champion of American Fascism.

—WILBUR FRANCIS

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THIS GRAFT INVESTIGATION of the San Francisco Police is getting more complicated than the ordinary mind can understand. Let's examine it one, two, three, four, in a systematic manner and see if we can make any logic out of it.

In the first place, before the investigation ever started, ninety per cent of the city's population knew perfectly well that San Francisco was a "wide open town." The houses of prostitution are more numerous than fire hydrants and as easily identifiable as fire stations.

If you ask any well informed citizen, he will explain that any "Hotel" which has a narrow doorway entrance and a little electric button with a sign over it saying "Ring Bell," is a "house."

Just for the devilment of it, I counted forty of them within a ten-block radius of the Hall of Justice (where the Police Station is located).

Across the street from the Hall of Justice is a gaudy little theatre where nearly naked women perform erotic "strip and tease" dances before the blood-shot eyes of pathetic sex-starved derelicts.

Almost everybody knew this situation existed and also that the city's enormous vice industry could not operate without paying "police protection."

So much for that. About a year ago, along came a federal tax collector who decided to shake down the "Sporting Houses" for a share of their revenue. He didn't care particularly about whether the businesses were legal or illegal. All he was interested in was collecting income tax.

The "Madames" and "Proprietors" naturally wanted a generous deduction for what they had to pay out for "police protection." That seemed perfectly fair to the federal collector. He knocked it off their bill and then promptly went to the policemen themselves to collect it from the proper source.

All very good so far. And it may not have gone any farther. But the federal collector got a big kick out of the whole thing and told about it for the amusement of a luncheon party.

Now what happened after that, I'm not just sure. Maybe the various "fingers in the pie" had been fibbing to each other about how much they were getting and how much they ought to share with their accomplices. In any event, the federal collector's anecdote kicked over the apple cart. Everybody in the civic government began accusing everybody else, and the "Police graft investigation" was "off to the races."

The Strange Wealth of the San Francisco Police

WHAT HAPPENED after that is history. San Francisco cops turned out to be amazingly "well to do" and the stories they related to explain away their fabulous bank accounts outdid the Arabian Nights Entertainment. At one time, somebody declared that vice was rampant in the city and produced a list of addresses of alleged "houses." The police went on a vice hunting crusade and couldn't succeed in locating anything.

Okay. So far, so good. The thing has strung out over many months and has provided the citizenry with a spectacle of civic corruption that would be comic if it weren't so disgusting and serious.

Now we have a new development. The police have unexpectedly burst out with an epidemic of vigilance. They have "knocked over" a few of the city's best known "joints." And what is the result?

Chief Investigator Edwin N. Atherton is indignant. He declares that this act on the part of the police department is merely a counter-demonstration to discredit the investigation by placing on it "the onus of a closed town."

"I have often said, and again repeat," Atherton declares, "this investigation is not directed at bringing about a closed town."

In plain words, he proclaims that the authorities have no intention of interfering with the extensive and profitable vice industry. As proof that the police are only "demonstrating," Atherton points out that the places raided were well known resorts which have existed over a long period of time.

Now we have the situation in a nut-house. I haven't enough space to draw a map for you, but read the facts, as summarized above, and figure it out for yourself.

They have no intention of enforcing the law. They can't do away with graft unless they do away with prostitution. They can't eliminate prostitution because that is a social problem and can't be solved with a policeman's club. Furthermore, as far as they are concerned it is a whale of a good graft and one of the city's largest industries.

Meanwhile, pity that poor product of poverty, hunger and bitterness, the San Francisco prostitute. The city's bewildered, sex-starved men have access to her bed and the police have access to her purse, and life is a gin-soaked nightmare that ends on a slab in the public morgue.

It's an ugly society you picked to be proud of, San Francisco—that is, those of you who are blind enough to be proud.

One Place Where They Did Away With It

DID YOU EVER READ about how they did away with prostitution in the Soviet Union? There are some mighty good books about it in the International Book Store and Library, at 170 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco and other addresses throughout the state. Maybe they'll give you an idea of how to make San Francisco fit to be proud of.

Endowment Insurance: A Legalized Racket

PUT your money in endowment policies, say the insurance companies. And thousands of working men are doing it, and getting robbed.

Not the kind of robbery where someone hits you with a black-jack and runs with your purse, but a nice robbery. You may squawk all you want, but you have paid your money and they have got it.

What is an endowment policy? Most workers have heard about them, because insurance salesmen are going from house to house, successfully and selling them. Some of these workers have joined the International Workers' Order, which provides its members with sickness, death and accident insurance at the lowest rates available. They want to know why the I.W.O. does not have endowment policies. And we want them to know.

Here is John Stevedore. He holds a \$1000 endowment policy, for which he pays \$51.91 a year. He has a friend named Fred Carpenter, who holds a \$1000 policy with the I. W. O. for which he pays 9.84 a year.

Now they both bought insurance because they know there is always a good chance of sickness, injury or death. They have families. Even if injury comes on the job, the compensation is inadequate. And the workers have not yet won what should be theirs—socially provided insurance for every toiler for sickness, injury or death.

Now supposing both Fred and John should be killed in one, five or ten years. Not a pleasant thought, but it is the selling point most used by insurance salesmen, who know all too well how to capitalize on the well-grounded fears of the workers. The families of each would get \$1000. No more, no less. What is the advantage here of paying \$51.91 a year instead of \$9.84? None!

What went with the extra money John paid?

A small part of his \$51.91 a year went into the cost of the insurance. The rest was a savings fund. These savings all went to the insurance company. Gravy, some call it.

But an endowment policy is

By PHILLIP GARDNER (National Field Organizer, International Workers' Order.)

This will introduce a series of three articles by Phillip Gardner on insurance and the work of the International Workers' Order. The next will appear in one week, in the issue dated Monday, Nov. 9th. It will deal with industrial insurance.

supposed to have other virtues. The salesman told John that whenever he was short of funds he could come to the good old company, which would be glad to give him a loan on his policy.

Now supposing you had \$350 in the bank. You go to the teller and ask to draw some of it out. He says you will have to pay six per cent on the money you take out. Your money! The outrageous crook! You will leave no stone unturned to expose the swindler!

But this is exactly what happens when you borrow money on an endowment policy. Only it is nice and legal.

But anyway, you borrow \$300 on the \$350 that has accumulated to your savings on an endow-

ment policy. Now instead of being insured for \$1000, you are only protected to the extent of \$700.

Well that's bad, but doesn't the amount of the premium drop also?

It does not! Ask the man who owns one. You now pay \$69.91 yearly, because 6% interest on \$3000 has been added, and you are insured for \$700 instead of \$1000.

But the salesman who talked John into buying the endowment policy had the argument that

SPANISH PRIEST SAYS U. S. CATHOLIC PRESS COMMITS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

Franciscan Flays Support Of Fascists In Spain; Says Issue Is Not Religion, That Catholics Support Govt.

NEW YORK—"Catholic newspapers in the United States are committing a crime against humanity and against democracy," charged Rev. Father Sarasola, Spanish Franciscan, in statement telephoned to the local press from Montreal.

SOVIET PEOPLE SEND AID TO SPAIN PEOPLE

Give Solidarity With Anti-Fascists Who Defend Republic

MOSCOW—"Crush the Fascists and Save Revolutionary Spain," rings out daily now in a million-voiced cry from the Soviet people to the embattled Spanish people.

Wherever the Soviet people work and come together, ring out the cry: "Remember, the entire Soviet people is wholeheartedly with you."

One of the most fiery and typical letters is that of the "Heroic Fifth Regiment Shock Brigade," from a factory in Dnepropetrovsk, to its namesake on the Madrid front, "the glorious fighters of the Fifth Regiment." It reads:

Greeting to 5th Regiment
"Dear Friends and Class Brothers: Having studied at a meeting the news of the situation at the fronts, our brigade has declared itself a 'shock brigade' taking the name of your glorious Fifth Regiment."

"Our factory is on the Dnieper River, in the center of the Soviet Ukraine. Before the Revolution it belonged to a Belgian capitalist and a German employer."

"It was a miserable, dingy factory making engineering products. Dozens of workers were injured and met death in its filth and murk."

Send Aid to Spain
"After the great Socialist October Revolution, we workers became the masters of the factory, which was rebuilt with new technical equipment, forging to the van as one of the Soviet Union's great metal factories."

"Our great conquests were not won with ease."

"Our workers have collected a fund to aid your families, amounting to some 15,000 rubles."

"This will help you until you complete your victory over the Fascists."

"Take courage, brothers, and defend Madrid!"

Cossacks Support
In the North Caucasus, collective-farm Cossacks, formerly the cruellest police-hounds of Czarist oppression but today loyal builders of Socialism, adopted a resolution of support for the Soviet government's action in regard to non-intervention."

"Our Cossack collective-farmers support all acts of our government to oblige the Fascist countries to respect international law."

Filipinos Ask For Representative To Hawaiians

HILO, Hawaii.—Attending a mass meeting at Moheau Park here, 2000 Filipinos asked appointment of an official representative of the Philippine Commonwealth to the Territory of Hawaii, in order to guard their welfare in the islands.

Dr. Hilario C. Moncado, of the Filipino Federation of America, was endorsed as a possible candidate for the position.

Latest population estimates show 39,072 Filipinos listed as aliens in the territory, approximately the same number as shown for Japanese in the islands—39,127.

Would-Be Hitler Of Belgium Is Arrested

BRUSSELS.—The would-be Hitler of Belgium, Leon Degrelle, was arrested by police last week after a demonstration by some of his Rexist followers during a parade of war veterans.

Marching past King Leopold and reaching the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the marchers took offense at shouting by the Rexist Fascists. When Degrelle tried to make a speech, police arrested him and also Count Xavier Degrunne, Rexist Senator.

OFF TO COOLER FOR THIS GORILLA



ONE OF Col. De La Rocque's gorillas off to a Paris prison, after police broke up a Fascist attack on a workers' meeting. People's Front in France is a united front of Socialist, Communists, Radical Socialists, all trade unions, to stop Fascist menace.

Spanish Unions To Broadcast To United States

Daily broadcasts in English from Madrid are announced by the Union General de Trabajadores de Espana, the General Workers' Federation. Latest news from the battlefronts and authentic reports on political developments of the Spanish situation will be broadcast in English at 8:45 p.m. and 5:45 a.m. daily.

These talks will come from Radio Station UGT, Madrid, on a short wave length of 40 meters.

Priests Paved Way For Mussolini's Robber War

ADDIS ABABA.—The Catholic Church played a leading role in Mussolini's robber war against Ethiopia.

This was baldly admitted by Monsignor Luigi Santa here, who told of the infiltration of priests into Ethiopia since 1914, smuggling themselves across the Ethiopian border, disguising themselves as journalists, lumber workers, to undermine the rule of Haile Selassie.

The priests made deals with local chieftains to turn them against Selassie, and the result was that the Ethiopian government was weakened and when Mussolini sent his murderous troops into Ethiopia last year, he did not have to fight a united nation.

Paved Way For Fascists
Just before Mussolini sent his troops into Ethiopia, the Pope decided it was time to pull in the priests, who had laid the groundwork for the robber conquest, and ordered them to leave Ethiopia. The priests went to Eritrea and Somaliland, Italian colonies, until Addis Ababa was captured.

Monsignor Luigi Santa concludes with a prayer of thanks for Mussolini's conquest and "civilizing" of Ethiopia:

"Today He (God) is using this reborn empire to carry the blessed civilization and the genuine faith to the land of Ethiopia. Our missionary fathers, no longer disguised but free and well protected by Fascist arms, can now openly preach the gospel of Christ, protected by their powerful country."

And now the Pope gives his blessing to Fascist and Nazi intervention on the side of the Spanish Fascists.

French Fascists Get Sub-Machine Guns From America

PARIS.—The French "Social Party," or the Fascist Croix de Feu League in disguise, has received a recent shipment of sub-machine guns from the United States to add to its secret armament.

The Socialist Party organ, "Le Populaire," exposed the shipment, which the Fascists, under Francois de La Rocque, hope to use in a "putsch" against the legal government of France.

"Le Populaire" said the weapons arrived from America and from Holland, and are being planted in caches in Normandy and elsewhere in the north of France.

Fascist Portugal In Break With Spain

LISBON.—The Portuguese government went another step in its support of the Fascist rebels in Spain, last week when it severed all diplomatic relations with the legal government of Spain in Madrid.

Portugal is itself under a Fascist dictatorship of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

SPAIN PROVES INTERVENTION

Nazis, Portugal Aid Spanish Fascists

MADRID.—New proof of foreign intervention by Fascist Portugal and Fascist Germany on the side of the Spanish Fascist rebels, was sent last week by the Spanish government to the non-intervention committee meeting in London.

The charges included: The Portuguese motorship Ciudad de Macao sank the Spanish vessel Fernando Poo, with the captain and crew of 40 aboard, off the West African coast and fired on the residency of the lieutenant governor at Bata, Spanish Guinea, on October 14.

Nazis Intervene
Fifteen German submarines passed through the Straits of Gibraltar on October 19th under cover of darkness to deliver war materials to the rebels.

On October 8th, 160 young Nazi specialists equipped with 12 Nazi aircraft guns arrived at Seville aboard a German ship, leaving immediately to join the Fascist forces at the front.

The Nazi battleship Deutschland carried orders destined for the crew of a German seaplane in the Spanish Fascist service.

GERMAN WOMEN WANT FOOD—NOT PARADES

PRAGUE.—"We want food instead of parades!" German women are crying in demonstrations on the streets at Beutien, Hindenburg, Gleiwitz and other places in Upper Silesia, Germany, according to word received here.

Difficulty of getting meat, flour or potatoes is causing open manifestations of discontent. The Gestapo, or Nazi secret police, first threatens the women, then tries to soothe them with promises, but neither method has much success.

San Berdo Workers Urged To Contact Communist Party

SAN BERNARDINO.—All workers interested in learning more about the Communist Party, or about its candidate in the 19th Congressional Dist., Charles McLaughlin, are urged to write to Post Office Box 966, San Bernardino.

FULL TEXT OF THE SOVIET UNION NOTE ON SPAIN NON-INTERVENTION PACT GIVEN

U.S.S.R. Demands Right Of Spain To Buy Arms Abroad, And Right Of Other Nations To Sell Arms To Spain

MOSCOW.—Full text of the Soviet Union's note to the International Non-Intervention Committee on the Spanish civil war, declaring that the non-intervention pact had failed, was released here.

The Soviet Union's note follows:

Having accepted the agreement on noninterference, the government of the Soviet Union expected this agreement would be fulfilled by all participants, and that in consequence the length of the civil war in Spain, as well as the number of victims, would be reduced.

It has been shown, however, that this agreement is being systematically violated by several participants. The insurgents are being supplied with arms with impunity.

Fascists' Base In Portugal
One of the participants in the agreement, Portugal, has been converted into a main base of supply for the rebels, while the legal government of Spain has been boycotted and deprived of the chance to purchase arms outside of Spain for the defense of the population.

Thus, in consequence of violations, the rebels enjoy a privileged position. As the result of this abnormal situation, the civil war in Spain has been prolonged and the number of its victims has increased.

An attempt by the U.S.S.R. to end the violations was not supported in the non-intervention committee.

Give Spain Its Rights
The last suggestion the U.S.S.R. made was for control of Portuguese ports, the chief base of supplies for the rebels, but that was not even included in the agenda of today's session.

Not desiring to continue in the position of people involuntarily stimulating this unfair situation, the U.S.S.R. sees only one issue: To return to the government of Spain its right and chances to purchase arms outside of Spain, which right and chances are enjoyed by all the governments of the world, and that parties to the agreement be granted the right to sell and offer arms to Spain as they choose.

The Soviet government does not desire any longer to hold itself responsible for the present position which is obviously unfair to the legal Spanish government and population, and hereby is compelled to declare that in connection with its declaration of October 7, it cannot consider itself tied to the nonintervention agreement or to any oath of the participants.

Lloyds Quits Odds On European War

LONDON.—Fearing that war may be less than 12 months away in Europe, Lloyds underwriters have stopped insuring British land owners against risk of damage by a foreign enemy of England.

Recently, due to the rising state of alarm over the trend of European affairs, insurance agents found greatly increased demands for war insurance. For many years land owners could insure against war risks for the low premium of 12 cents per \$489.

Lloyds pointed out that the ruling does not apply to insurance against damage by strikes or civil strife. This type of insurance has been increasingly demanded lately by British capitalists, it was reported.

Figures Prove Fascism Means Starvation

BERLIN.—Cold figures and statistics prove what Fascism has meant to the German people under Hitler.

The German worker, according to the Nazi Labor Front, earns an average of \$11 weekly, in American money equivalent.

In restaurants, the German worker has to pay \$1.60 for the following luncheon: oxtail soup, pigs knuckles with sauerkraut, potatoes, one unbuttered roll, one pint of beer, and coffee.

Butter, eggs, and good cuts of meat have skyrocketed in price, and are very hard to obtain.

And Wages Are \$11 Weekly
A German housewife has to pay the following prices for food:

Butter, 64 cents a pound; eggs, five cents each; coffee, \$1 per pound; sugar, 16 cents per pound; white bread, 36 cents per loaf; leg of lamb, 72 cents per pound; pork, 54 to 56 cents per pound; potatoes, 15 cents for 10 pounds; cabbage, three cents per pound; flour, 60 cents for five pounds; cauliflower, 20 cents per head; oranges, eight cents each; lemons, four cents each; veal, 70 cents per pound.

Cream, as cream is known in America, can't be obtained at any price. Milk and butter are of poor quality. Eggs are just about as scarce as hen's teeth.

Right-Wingers In Anti-Unity Move

BIARRITZ, France.—Right-wing leaders of the Radical Socialist Party faced isolation and possible ousting here as a result of their violent attacks on the Popular Front at the Party Congress here.

Emile Roche, president of the Radical Socialist Federation for North France, bitterly attacked the Popular Front, of which the Socialist Party and the Communist Party are the two other main participants.

Sentiment of the rank-and-file of the Radical Socialist Party is strongly behind the Popular Front as the only weapon which has saved and can continue to save France from a Fascist dictatorship.

Czechoslovakia To Uphold Pacts, Says Minister

PRAGUE.—"Czechoslovakia cannot and will not follow Belgium's example" in weakening the alliance with France," declared Foreign Minister Ramek Krotka to the Czechoslovakian parliament.

"Without alliances we would be defenseless in the face of any attack," he said. "Hence we are determined to maintain and intensify alliances."

Madrid Calm
Meanwhile Madrid remains calm. The fantastic rumors published constantly by the foreign press on the bombardment of the capital have penetrated even here.

Every preparation has been made for air attacks, but up to now the aircraft defense guns of the government have succeeded in driving off the enemy airplanes appearing over the city.

Peru Reactionaries Suspend Vote With Socialist Leading

LIMA, Peru.—Faced with the election to the presidency of Luis Antonio Eguiguren, Social Democrat reportedly supported by the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, the reactionary and Fascist forces in Peru cancelled democracy here by suspending tabulation of voting.

Before the voting tabulation was halted, Eguiguren was leading his closest rival, Luis A. Flores, Fascist candidate, by nearly 400 votes.

The reactionaries had President Oscar R. Benavides issue an executive order suspending tabulation of votes, and also call a special session of the constituent Congress to pass upon Eguiguren's candidacy.

The minister of interior and right-wing parties filed charges that he was supported by the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA), which was declared illegal by the government. The APRA is headed by Raul Victor Haya de la Torre.

The APRA support made all Social Democrats' candidacies illegal and votes cast for them void, the reactionaries are claiming as their excuse for voiding democracy.

The government has arrested many supporters of Eguiguren.

Firestone Rubber Co. Carries On Brutal War

MONROVIA, Liberia.—In what is described as one of the most cruel and brutal wars ever fought in Africa, the Liberian Republic troops have defeated the rebel leader, King Nimley, of the Krop tribe, it was reported here.

Liberia is completely owned and controlled by the Firestone Rubber Company of the United States.

In 1932, King Nimley with a dozen other tribal leaders established an autonomous territory 100 miles square along the lower Liberian coast, claiming the Liberian government was unjust to them.

Half of the army now is believed dead or wounded, and 20,000 other natives have been slain in the four-year war.

Mussolini Brags Of War Machine, But Claims 'Peaceful'

BOLOGNA, Italy.—Claiming peaceful intentions, Premier Mussolini spoke here of "an olive branch growing out of an immense forest of 8,000,000 bayonets."

But foreign observers were unable to see the olive branch for the forest.

This olive branch, said Mussolini, "grows from an immense forest of 8,000,000 bayonets, well sharpened and gripped by young men with intrepid hearts."

But the anti-Mussolini movement in Italy is growing.

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CUBA TERROR WORSE, SAYS CESAR VILAR

Labor Leader Thanks U.S. Labor For Assistance

NEW YORK.—The terror in Cuba is bloodier than ever, declared Cesar Vilar, 36-year-old general secretary of the Cuban National Confederation of Labor, here.

Machado is gone, but the terror which ranked him with Hitler and Mussolini still goes on.

Won Freedom

Vilar fled here early in October, soon after his release from Principe Castle, dungeon, tomb of many fights against the military dictatorship of Colonel Fulgencio Batista and President Mariano Gomez.

ganzed Cuban workers now forced underground, Vilar was arrested and charged with plotting assassination of former President Mendieta, Batista and Jefferson Caffery, U. S. Ambassador.

Evidence against him was so lacking that he was acquitted, but he was sentenced to four years for membership in a trade union and for leading a strike.

Vilar plans two months in the U. S. to thank personally the various American labor and progressive organizations those protests, he says, had great weight in winning his freedom.

American and British interests, owning more than 50 per cent of the arable lands in Cuba and nearly all the industries, are blamed by Vilar for the continuation of the terror. He charged the U. S. government and Cuba with equal responsibility for what he termed the "lawless" regime in his country.

"When the dock workers struck against the United Fruit Company's conditions and those of other shippers, the labor department had to give a favorable decision because the conditions were so terrible," said Vilar.

Terror Broke Agreement

He added the case was appealed by the Supreme Court and the workers won a legal victory for \$3.60 and an eight-hour day.

"But," continued Vilar, "Batista sent his troops and with their bayonets they forced the workers to slave for much less and for as long as 14 hours or more a day."

"Overthrowing of the military dictatorship will remedy the political crisis and lengthening the harvest season for sugar and tobacco—shortened to boost prices—as well as returning Cuba's industries to the Cuban people will partially solve the economic crisis."

DISLIKE LIBERTY LEAGUE

KENOSHA, Wis.—Carpenters local 161 condemns William Hutcheson, international president, for aiding the Liberty League and Landon's presidential campaign.

DEFENSE FOR SCOTTSBORO 9 IN EAST BAY

Collect Funds, Urge
More Protest
Letters

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND—Scottsboro trials are scheduled to begin November 2. The Eastbay Scottsboro Defense Committee which was organized last January as an adjunct to the national Scottsboro Defense Committee, is planning to intensify its campaigns for financial assistance.

Boxes for spare pennies and nickels are to be placed in union halls, theatres and drug stores. The committee has previously raised nearly \$100.

Recognizing the fact that the status of the Scottsboro case in which nine innocent Negro boys have been held in Alabama jails for five years, is a barometer of the state of legal justice and race discrimination in the United States, a broad group of local organizations have joined the committee.

Wide Participation

The N.A.A.C.P., the locals of the Cooks and Waiters, and Pullman Car Porters, the Newspaper Guild, the Negro Congress Committee, the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the American League Against War and Fascism, the Alameda County League of Colored Women Voters, the Y.C.L. and International Labor Defense are all represented as well as a number of churches. The Rev. D. G. Hill, the Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, the Rev. Coleman, and Rev. Lankford have all assisted on the committee.

Renew the Pressure

All friends of the Negro people and civil liberties in the U. S. should renew the flood of personal letters and resolutions from organizations, asking the immediate release of the Scottsboro boys. The nature of the past evidence in the case and the maintenance of any reputation for legal justice in Alabama indicates the necessity for this action. These resolutions should be sent to Gov. Bibb Graves, Montgomery, Alabama, and Lieutenant Gov. Thomas Knight, special prosecutor, Montgomery, Alabama.

Meeting Is Called On Simpson Case

SAN FRANCISCO—The case of Lawrence Simpson, American seaman sentenced to three years in a Nazi prison for "treason," will be the subject of a talk to be given November 11 at Sorosis Hall, 536 Sutter Street, at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Chairman, John D. Barry.

Gifford E. Cochran, active in the Simpson case and movie director who produced "Madchen in Uniform" and "The Emperor Jones," will speak.

The meeting is sponsored by the Inter-Professional Association, S. F. Chapter.

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Prize Book Goes To Long Beach!

A Long Beach worker correspondent has won a copy of "Under Fire" by Henri Barbusse! His story on the unemployed "reception" of a Republican congressional candidate was selected for the prize from among the stories by worker correspondents for the past two issues.

The next prize is Palme Dutt's "Fascism and Social Revolution." Look through this issue and last. Which worker correspondent's story should win it?

After "Fascism and Social Revolution," the prize will be "Labor Fact Book No. 3," containing a wealth of information which no worker correspondent will want to miss.

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Hearst Method In San Diego Attack On C.P.

By a Worker Correspondent.

LAKEVIEW, Calif.—A man by the name of J.J. McNamara got a letter published in the San Diego Sun, and proved he'd learned a lot from Hearst. He was attempting to prove that the Communist Party is a despicable organization, and his method was to "quote" from the Program of the Communist International.

Here is a sample of his quoting: "The conquest of power by the proletariat does not mean 'capturing' the ready-made bourgeois state machinery by means of a parliamentary majority. — The conquest of power by the proletariat is the violent overthrow of bourgeois power, the destruction of the capitalist state apparatus." Page 36, Par. 3.

What It Actually Says
His first sentence of this quotation is correct. Let us quote what the Program of the C.I. actually says from that point on:

"The bourgeoisie resorts to every means of violence and terror to safeguard and strengthen its predatory property and its political domination. Like the feudal nobility of the past, the bourgeoisie cannot abandon its historical position to the new class without a desperate and frantic struggle. Hence, the violence of the bourgeoisie can be suppressed only by the stern violence of the proletariat. The conquest of power by the proletariat is the violent overthrow of bourgeois power, the destruction of the capitalist state apparatus (bourgeois armies, police, bureaucratic hierarchy, the judiciary, parliaments, etc.), and substituting in its place new organs of proletarian power, to serve primarily as instruments for the suppression of the exploiters."

Learned From Hearst
This distortion is typical Hearst. The rest follows the same line.

McNamara (I hope he's not

NO FAVOR FOR VANDELEUR'S SELLOUT PLAN

Would Have Given A
Free Hand To
Employers

By a Worker Correspondent.

WATSONVILLE—Another attempt was made by E. L. Vandeleur of the State Federation of Labor to sell out the strike of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. With the State Federation attorney and Federal Conciliator Mathewson, he was in conference for two days with the Grower-Shipper Association.

Vandeleur then came to Watsonville to ask us to vote on whether or not we would go back to work without a contract. He said the shippers, with the exception of two, were willing to hire all of those who were working on Sept. 3rd, 1936. These two had refused to hire any union workers.

Vandeleur said he didn't care how we voted and in the same breath warned us that finances from the State Federation were limited and that support from organized labor over the state would dwindle off. If this speech had been successful in scaring the men into going back to work the real effect would have been to let the lettuce kings break our unions as they set out to do in the start.

Here is the result of the vote: 249 voted no, saying they would have preferential hiring or stay out. Twenty-one voted to go back to work.

8000 SF Culinary Workers on 5-Days

SAN FRANCISCO.—Wednesday saw the beginning of a five-day week for over 8000 members of five culinary unions in San Francisco.

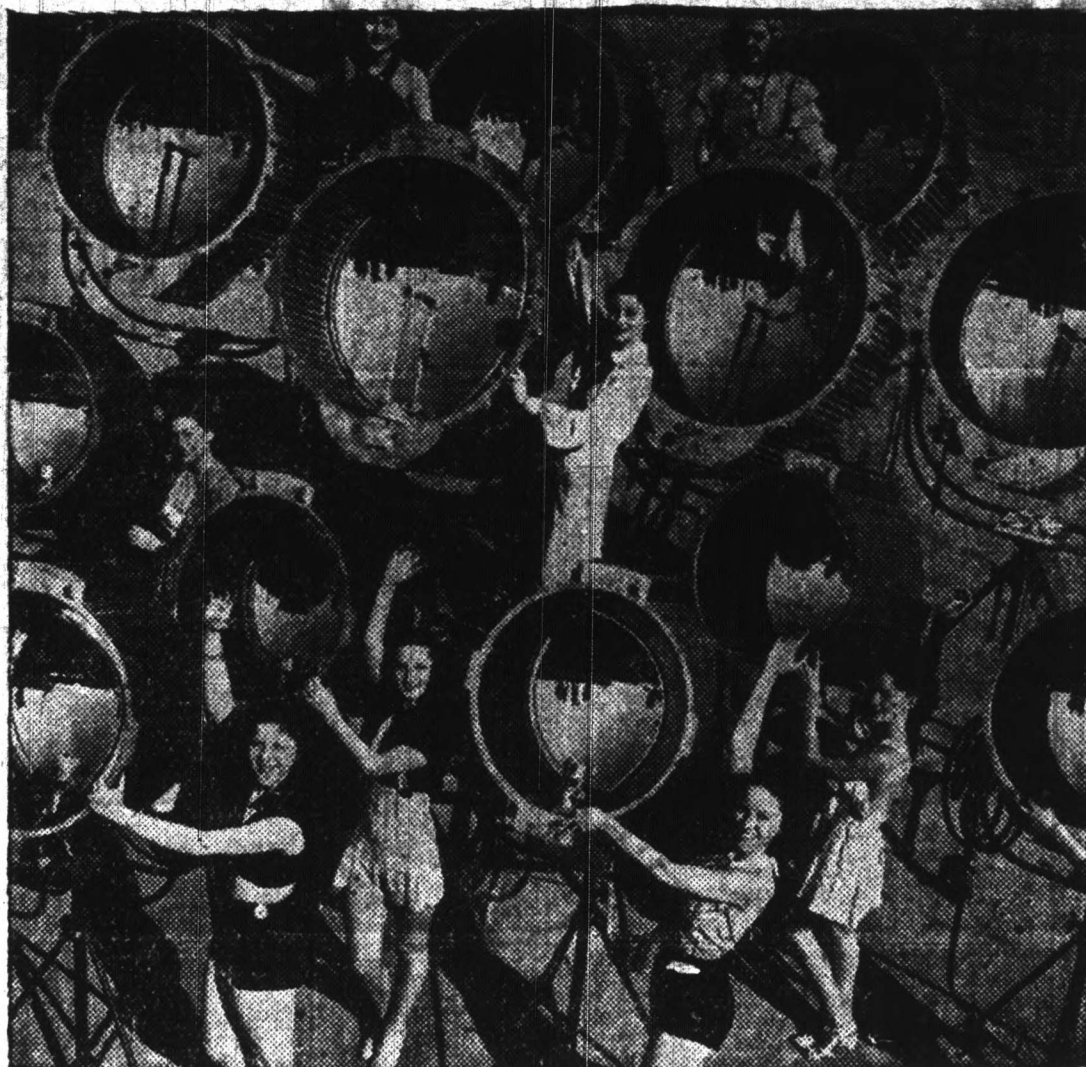
Wage increases totalling \$25,000 weekly, with employment of additional workers, were other gains made in the new agreement. Cooks, waiters, bartenders, waitresses and miscellaneous employees are affected.

A section of the wage increase takes care of restoration of wage cuts made since 1929. The wage increases average 10 to 30%.

even distantly related to J. B. McNamara) was writing for the Constitution Society of the U.S. trying to defend that organization from an attack by Paul Alexander of the Communist Party, printed in the same paper.

If those who read his article will compare his "quotations" with the original documents, they will see that Alexander was right when he warned against the un-American tendencies in this organization which is helping Fascism in the United States.

TO DIVERT YOUR ATTENTION



THIS IS A PICTURE ABOUT Boulder Dam. The attractive Hollywood girls are inspecting the searchlights which were to be used at the turning on of the power. This is a prettier picture than the hard-working men who built the dam at high speed or the dead among them who were its human victims.

Foremen Cause Confusion; Alaska Cannery Men Get the Blame

(The continued story of the Alaska Cannery Expedition of 1936.)

By An Alaska Cannery.

The same afternoon of Barola's arrival a foreman, without the knowledge of the men, posted signs in the mess hall and notified the cooks that from the next day on he must be prepared to cook for three shifts.

The first we knew of it was when Barola informed us at the meeting that he, with the delegates had contracted the boss and argued out, the question of three shifts.

We were then informed what had taken place. The president and delegates, acted on the supposition that we, the membership, would work three shifts provided the hours from 5 p. m. to 8 a. m. be paid for as overtime. In this the membership concurred unanimously.

Not At Overtime Pay
The men were thankful that their representatives had taken the attitude that really represented them. Need I say the company turned down our offer?

Next we tackled the food question. After lengthy discussion the foreman promised to mend his ways and put the food on the table—once more. The management was afraid of Jack Barola, because he went after what the men wanted and they stuck by him. They promised to work in harmony with the men, but they were not fooling anyone. They decided to give the foreman "One More Chance," with accompaniment of the orchestra.

But as a crooner, he wasn't doing so well by the men. He began to jar the nerves with that "One More Chance" song. Against our better judgment we decided to grant his plea. The food improved for a few more days. In the meantime the clash with the foreman became sharper.

The climax was reached at a meeting in which the men voted to settle once and for all who was to boss who. One boss would put some men doing one kind of a job. Another would come around and in order to prove that he was a boss also, would countermand the order and put the men to work at some other task.

Blamed the Men
The superintendent began to blame the men for all of this confusion. He claimed the men would not stay put, and every effort was made to get the Alaska Fishermen's Union sore at us because the superintendent wanted them to believe we would not be equal to the task when the fish pack began.

We don't know if this sabotage was intended on the part of the boss or whether it was ignorance or just plain petty jealousies. Most likely it was a combination of all three.

The two first foremen broke out into arguments a few times. They could not seem to agree about anything, trying to outdo each other and win favor in the eyes of the superintendent.

(To Be Continued.)

SELLOUT FEAR PUTS CRIMP IN RED BAITING

Striking Salinas Men
Welcome Speaker
From I.L.D.

By a Worker Correspondent.
SALINAS—The past few days have seen a marked change among the strikers here. Red Baiting has been used effectively to split the ranks of the workers. However, since Vandeleur has appeared on the scene the workers are paying less attention to the red baiters and are uniting to fight a sellout, which we all recognize as a grave danger.

The red-baiters managed to provoke a terrific fight over the International Labor Defense bailing out strikers, despite the fact that the union itself was unable to bail out all those arrested and the leaders definitely discriminated against some of them.

One confused member of the union tore an I.L.D. button off a woman member. Her husband was attacked when he protested. The reactionaries were responsible for this whole episode, because they spread the false idea that no I.L.D. member could belong to the A.F.L. But after a representative of the I.L.D. got a chance to talk to a mass meeting of strikers on the purposes and activity of his organization, no phoney was willing to say a word against it openly.

Union Teams On The Short End

Four of the Union Recreation Center's best Soccer players failed to show Sunday at Golden Gate Park and the union boys lost to the "Mexico" Team 3 to 0. Most of the game was played on their territory and good work by Fullback W. Bogdanoff and Goal Keeper J. Shubin was largely responsible for preventing a worse beating.

Union Recreation Center baseball team fought Noe Valley Merchants to a 5 to 5 tie in Jackson Park. The boys claim the opponents were afraid to play an extra inning to decide the game, and the crowd generally agreed that the umpire robbed them of a run.

The Center's second baseball team lost to another Noe Valley team 4 to 3. U.R.C.'s pitcher Wheaton struck out 19 men, but the boys couldn't hit well enough to take advantage.

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Bernarr McFadden Gets the Bird In San Bernardino

By a Worker Correspondent.
SAN BERNARDINO—When the "strong man" faked Bernarr McFadden spoke here for London he got one of the worst boosings of San Bernardino's history.

London is running a poor campaign here and has as much chance of winning the city as Faker Coughlin has of joining the Communist Party.

Our candidate, Charles McLauchlan, spoke over the radio here and got a good response. Naturally, the point on which most people agreed with him was the idea of beating London. But he is going to get a lot of votes for the Communist Party program against reaction and for a Farmer-Labor Party.

We Shall Ask You For Accounting

By a Worker Correspondent.

We shall come as you have made us,
Homeless, lustful, grim and gaunt.
You the house of have, shall listen
Unto us, the house of want.
We shall question, you shall answer;
We shall speak and you'll obey.
We shall ask you for accounting,
And shall call on you to pay.

We shall enter where you banquet,
Coming not upon our knees,
And shall call on you to serve us
'Till our hunger we appease.
We shall open all your prisons;
We shall hear the old folks plea.

And the children you are torturing
Our mighty hands shall free.
Not as madmen we shall gather,
Not for crumbs our legion cry,
But shall come in one grand army
With our flag to fly on high!

We shall still your lying press-
es,
Break your broadcasts evil spell
And the truth you fear to teach them
To the toiler youth shall tell.
We shall come from field and city,
From the mountain side and coast;
We forgotten men and women,
We "the godforsaken slums."
We shall bane our hosts and dungeons,
All the earth to take and hold—
We shall win from you the victory
That no man shall live for gold.

Robert Buck.

AL SMITH STAYS AWAY
NEW YORK—Al Smith, who's whooping it up for London, decided not to accept an invitation by the so-called Jeffersonian Democrats to speak in California for Alf.

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TOWNSENDITES TOLD TO VOTE FOR TRAITOR

Harry R. Shepherd
Admits He Was
Scatterer

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN BERNARDINO—The old folks of the Townsend Clubs here are being played for real suckers. First Margett and Coughlin, with Dr. Townsend on their band wagon, put up Lemke in order to help elect London. Now they are being told to vote for London directly in spite of his reactionary record and backing.

To cap the climax, it has been found that the local Townsend-endorsed candidate for congress, Harry R. Shepherd, was the chief of guards during the Los Angeles Railway strike of 1934. He admitted the charge at a meeting of the Orange County Central Labor Council.

As a result, organized labor of three counties has turned thumbs down on Shepherd. He is not only a vicious enemy of the working class who accepted \$100 a day from labor's worst enemies; he is an enemy of the old people because such a man will never put up a fight for the old people when he knifed in the back the real movement that the old people will have to get the help of.

Labor Blasts Plan To Bring Whipping Post Back In Washn.

SEATTLE.—The whipping post won't come back up here if organized labor can stop it.

A proposal by a Bar Association committee to bring the whipping post back to Washington aroused immediate and emphatic opposition on the part of labor.

A Seattle Central Labor Council resolution called the whipping post a method of "sadistic barbarism."

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Support From 15,000 East and Gulf Seamen Sure

(Maritime News Service) SAN FRANCISCO — Support from more than 15,000 Eastern and Gulf Coast seamen was pledged to the Pacific Coast maritime unions here by Joseph Curran, progressive chairman of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Defense Committee, visiting here late in October.

The pledge was made as Pacific Coast unions were taking a strike vote to reinforce their drive for decent wages, hours and working conditions.

"The purpose of my visit is to assure the maritime unions here that East and Gulf Coast seamen are ready to support them in any and all actions they may take," Curran stated.

"Put me down as an unofficial observer out here at the request of the men I represent. I was not sent for," Curran said.

He declared the differential in wages paid seamen on the East Coast compared with those of the west.

"I believe seamen are in a position today to force an equalization of wage scales on all American coasts. The time was never better to bring about equalization, undoubtedly this will come through a National Maritime Federation."

Crew members from five East Coast vessels in port here met and reiterated their leaders' stand.

All Set For Closed Shop In Movies

LOS ANGELES.—Hollywood is buzzing with well-founded reports that a definite drive to achieve a closed shop in the film industry was under way, when George Browne, international president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees was reported to have left to attend in Washington the meeting of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor after a secretive three-day conference with film union heads.

While L.A.T.S.E. headquarters here denied knowledge of official moves, it is generally recognized that, with Browne vice president of the A.F.L. and Kenneth Thompson, Screen Actors' Guild secretary, as vice president of the State Federation of Labor, for some time leaders in the motion picture unions have been intending to use their advantageous position to press their closed shop drive this winter.

Browne is expected to get the movement under way as soon as he returns from the A.F.L. convention which is to be held in Tampa, Fla., November 16.

LA Open Shoppers Stoop Very Low

LOS ANGELES.—When H. Ganbral, owner of the Parisian laundry here, decided willingly to permit union organization in his plant and to raise wages as a first friendly gesture, he was somewhat surprised to find he had drawn the enmity of the Laundry Owners' Association, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and other reactionary forces that usually operate against labor.

The Laundry Workers' Union asks that Organized Labor and sympathizers demonstrate their distaste for these coercive and racketeering methods by refusing to patronize any laundry under the domination of the Laundry Owners' Association.

SOLIDARITY LIKE THIS WILL WIN

PORTLAND, Ore.—When the Seamen's Defense Committee of the East Coast pledged its solidarity with the West Coast, the Columbia District Council of the Maritime Federation thanked the Committee and assured it that the East Coast seamen would relieve the same aid in case of need. The Council's letter follows:

Mr. Peter J. Innes, Seamen's Defense Committee, Bay Area Dist. Council No. 2, San Francisco, Calif.
Dear Sir and Brother:
In behalf of the Columbia Dis-

CURB POLICE! ENGINEERS TO STAND BY ALL OTHER UNIONS

Kern Labor Demands FAVOR A LAW

BAKERSFIELD.—The Kern County Central Labor Council acted quickly when it received a letter from the Stockton Central Labor Council, denouncing the use of the state police as strikebreakers. The Kern County Council concurred in the Stockton action.

The resolution protested the use of the State Highway Patrol to prevent peaceful picketing, as was done in Salinas.

For Legislation The Stockton resolution, also adopted by the Kern County Labor Council, calls on the State Federation of Labor to sponsor legislation at the next Legislative session, to curb such use of the state police.

The Kern County Council notified the State Federation of its action.

Utah Smeltermen Close 'Em Tight

SALT LAKE CITY.—Gold, silver, lead, zinc and copper mining are at a virtual standstill in Utah as a result of the strike called by Locals 2, 55, 11 and 151 of the Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The miners demand compliance with the state's 8-hour law and a 50c-a-day wage increase.

The locals on strike comprise smeltermen and miners in the Bingham, Park City, Lark and Tintic districts. In addition, workers at the Midvale Smelter were reported lining up in good fashion.

Mines Closed Too

Activity in heavy industries and the war scare boom have sent prices, production and profits soaring, but the operators despite huge earnings, have so far declined to share their blessings. Mines and smelters are reported closed down, including Int'l. Smelter, American Flag and American Smelting properties, with operators still unwilling to negotiate.

Operators have violated the state 8-hour law by refusing to accept the attorney-general's ruling that the law means eight hours from collar to collar or portal to portal. They have been forcing employees to work eight hours in addition to time spent in traveling to and from the portal. A victory for the miners is expected to mean a closed shop, checkoff and a strongly entrenched union in the state's huge mining industry.

Teachers' Union Boosts No. 11

LOS ANGELES.—At a recent regular meeting of Local 430, American Federation of Teachers, it was unanimously voted to endorse the stand of the National Convention of the A.F.L. in support of the C.I.O.

Local 430 is now waging an active campaign in support of Proposition No. 11 known as Instructor's Tenure Initiative, to provide job security for teachers and protect the classroom teacher from intimidation and coercion from reactionary pressure.

Members of Local 430 have been speaking to Los Angeles A.F.L. locals in support of Proposition No. 11, and have received a good response. Proposition No. 11 has been endorsed by the California State Federation of Labor Convention, the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the L.A. District Council of Carpenters as well as many other progressive organizations throughout the state.

AGRICULTURAL UNION SEATED

BAKERSFIELD.—The New Kern County Agricultural Workers Union has been seated in the Kern County Central Labor Council.

Serve Notice To The Shipowners In Radio Talk

(Maritime News Service)

SEATTLE, Wash.—Marine Engineers Beneficial Association in a radio broadcast here on the eve of threatened trouble served notice on shipowners they would stand with other maritime unions and longshoremen in protecting the gains made for their members.

The warning was broadcast after they revealed efforts to negotiate with shipowners met the same fate as other unions seeking an amicable solution of the present threatening issue.

A coast-wide ballot to determine whether they will give the negotiating committee power to call a strike in event agreements have not been reached by October 26, was taken.

"It is the firm belief of our committee and our members that in view of the great benefits which will be realized by shipowners through subsidies and mail contracts, that the shipowners should be willing to meet our compromise proposals, and we further believe that the government, which is dishing out these juicy plums, should exert some influence on the shipowners to negotiate a fair and equitable agreement," the speaker said.

Wives Help Men Win a Strike

LOS ANGELES.—Standing by their striking husbands in a fight to better their standard of living, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Upholsterers' Union, local 15, have during the long strike organized relief kitchens, raised funds and served on the picket line.

Recently, when workers from 11 shops were locked out and three more were on strike, hot lunches were served to over 500 pickets.

One of the kitchens is still functioning in Inglewood, where the union is striking the Krohler shop.

The Ladies Auxiliary have arranged a Halloween Masquerade Ball to raise funds for the strikers. It will be held October 31 at Angeles Hall, 1954 E. First St., with admission at 25 cents. The ladies say they will have the best orchestra in the city.

Pledges Made To Aid King

OAKLAND.—With the Point Lobos murder frame-up trial of Earl King, James Conner and E. G. Ramsay due for Monday, reports of solidarity behind the three Marine Firemen's men continue to pour in.

Pittsburg, Cal. Chemical Workers Union 20280 made a substantial donation, and elected Charles Buzacott and W. E. Jones as delegates to the defense committee.

Richmond Retail Clerks leveled a special assessment for the defense and elected two delegates.

Two thousand Everett, Wash. citizens who met in Labor Temple wired District Attorney Warren and Attorney Gene Webb, demanding a fair trial. Rodeo, Cal. Oil Workers have formed a King defense committee.

Superior Judge Ogden filed denial of charges of prejudice, for which defense attorneys demand his disqualification.

Oklahomans Lead Out-Of-Staters In Cal. Cotton Fields

TULARE.—Fleeing the effects of the drought, Oklahomans lead the number of those from other states who have come to work in the California cotton fields this season.

Former Oklahomans lead by 10 to 1, a postal survey indicated. Texans come second. The drought victims were forced to abandon their farms before coming here.

L.A. Pharmacists Make Demands

LOS ANGELES.—Demands for increased wages and better working conditions were presented to chain store employers here last week by the Pharmacists local union 840.

STOP FASCISM OR IT WILL SMASH THE UNIONS



ORGANIZED LABOR WOULD lose its right to strike and picket under Fascism, as Willie Hearst never hesitates to admit. Under Fascism, peaceful picketing, as in the Globe Mailing strike in New York (see photo, upper right) would be forbidden.

ASK ACTION ON SALINAS

Labor Bodies For Special AFL Session

SAN FRANCISCO.—So serious has the situation of the Salinas lettuce strikers become that organized labor throughout California is jumping in to demand action by the State Federation.

The calling of a special meeting of the State Federation's Executive Board to consider the conduct of officials like Doss and Shevlin, and a way to save the Salinas Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union is demanded.

The following resolution was passed by the San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Central Labor Councils, and by the Machinists, Laborers, Warehousemen and Marine Firemen of San Francisco:

WHEREAS: The Salinas lettuce strikers are still facing the brutal attacks of the police and armed vigilantes; and,

WHEREAS: These attacks will intimidate the workers into accepting, from the Salinas Growers-Shippers Association, a settlement based on "local preference of employment," rather than Union preference; and,

WHEREAS: Such an agreement will permit mass discrimination against active Union members and result in the setting up of a Company Union; and,

WHEREAS: The destruction of the Salinas Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, will be a danger to the general trade union movement, which will be felt in every district of the California State Federation of Labor; therefore be it,

RESOLVED: That this organization requests the President of the California State Federation of Labor, to call an emergency meeting of the Executive Board of that organization, for the purpose of working out a program which will lead to the satisfactory settlement of the Salinas strike; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the delegates from this organization to the San Francisco Central Labor Council, be instructed to introduce this resolution for the concurrence of that body; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of the Executive Board of the State Federation of Labor.

U.T.W. Gets Busy In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—This city has a new, and a valiant organized labor body—and it's United Textile Workers Local 2532.

The local, only a few weeks old, already has 400 members in the bag factories.

It's 100% organized in the Pacific Bag and the California Bag plants. It has quite a number of members in the Bemis Bag, which operates a big chain of plants throughout the country.

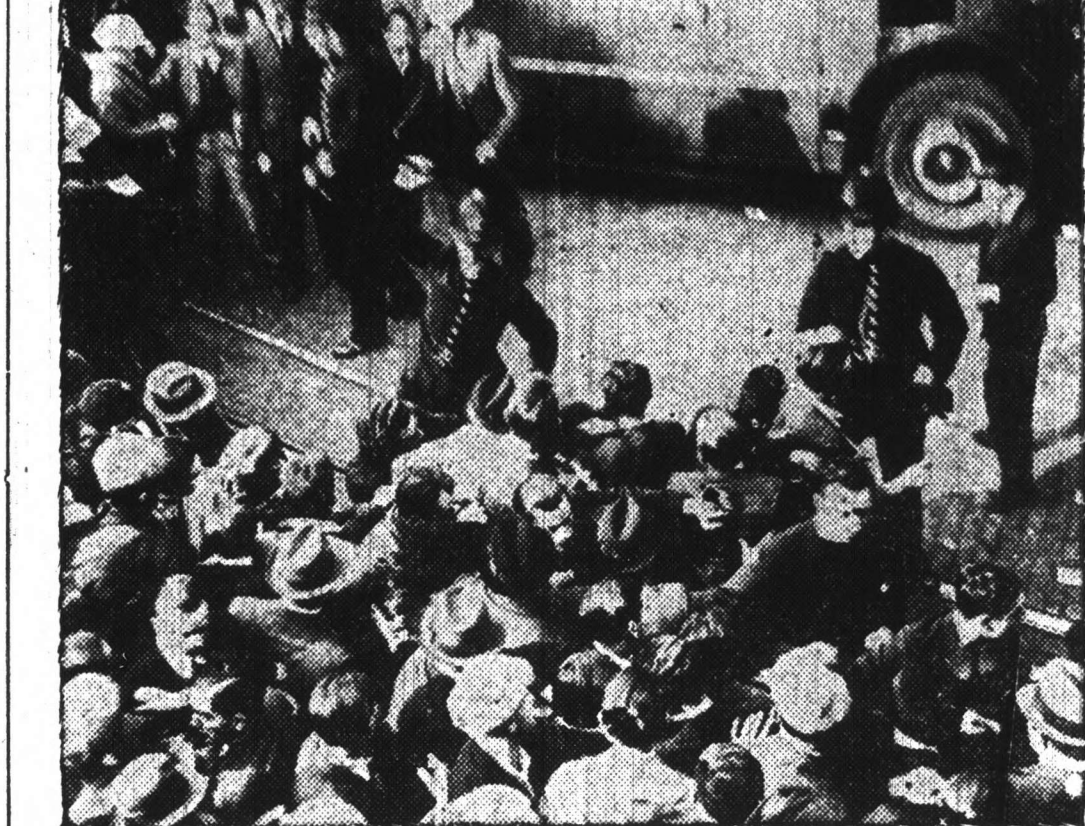
Clothing Pickets Jailed In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Four workers were arrested here October 23 when it was asserted they were picketing the homes of scabs in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' strike.

It was said the workers, in groups of fifteen and twenty men and women, picketed the homes of scabs as they were leaving in the morning to take the workers' jobs.

Charged with disturbing the peace, those arrested are Sophie Strick, Morris Schwartz, Mary May, and Mildred McPherson.

HOW ENGLISH WORKERS FIGHT IT



BRITISH WORKERS don't want Fascism, and 100,000 anti-Fascists turned out to halt Sir Oswald Moseley's black shirts, who tauntingly boasted they would march through London's working class districts. The black shirts didn't march. Photo shows anti-Fascists facing London police.

CAPTURING THE COMPANY UNION

CIO Tells When To Use Them, When Not USING THEM AGAINST CREATOR

(By Union News Service, Published By Committee for Industrial Organization.)

Using the company union against its own creator, the boss, is an effective tactic labor organizations have developed in recent years.

Witness the steel industry where employee representatives in many plants are taking the lead in pushing union demands and in explaining the need for genuine organization.

A whole crop of works councils, employee representation plans and welfare associations sprang up following the N.I.R.A. The employers hoped that these would be nice, harmless playthings. But unions have found out how to deal with them and how to change their tactics to meet the particular situation involved. Now, looking back on recent experience, two types of situations and union tactics stand out.

Where the Union Arrives First In Plant A, for example, the union was on the scene first.

Many members were enrolled before the company woke up and launched a works council. The union decided it was strong enough to kill this plan at the start. It told its members to boycott the election for representatives, and not to take any part in the scheme.

The company spread the usual line about no dues and the A. F. of L. group being a racket, but the organizer was ready with answers. The union appealed to the labor board, and in an election ordered by the board won a large majority of the votes. The company union was clearly a failure, and the employer decided to deal with the organization its workers favored.

Where Employers Are Fooled In Plant B, however, the company union has been going for some years. The employees have had little or no genuine union experience. They have seen many minor grievances adjusted by the company union. Wage increases have been given by the management for fear of unionism and in line with raises elsewhere. There is widespread welfare work, including athletics, clubs, a credit union, a benefit society.

The personnel manager is a good fellow and knows how to kid the men and women along. The employee representatives have been guaranteed against discrimination, and they meet separately from the management to decide on policy. The company makes every effort to seem fair, and in fact conditions are better than in the other similar plants in that town.

The company union in this

"SEAT OUR DELEGATES"

That's Position Of CIO, It Says

WASHINGTON.—After considering correspondence between the American Federation of Labor, executive council and Pres. Max Zaritsky of the United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers in relation to the peace proposal of that union, Chairman John L. Lewis of the Committee for Industrial Organization announced that further action would be withheld pending clarification by the council of its stand on the first point of the proposal.

The council appointed a subcommittee, consisting of George M. Harrison, Felix Knight and Matthew Wolf, as suggested in the Hatters' proposal, but made no reference to the first point involving lifting of the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

C.I.O. Position

Lewis announced the C.I.O. position after consultation with Zaritsky, Charles P. Howard, secretary, and John Brophy, director of the C.I.O., and Philip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee.

He declared that the C.I.O. is in harmony with the Hatters' proposal, as in line with its policy.

"An analysis of the correspondence revealed that the executive council failed to advise of their action on point one of Pres. Zaritsky's proposal," Lewis said. "That first section deals with attendance of the suspended unions at the Federation convention, which implies lifting the suspension order."

"We do not know the attitude of the executive council on this point. It is vital and essential that we do."

"The C.I.O. will withhold any further action on the proposition pending a clarification of this point by the executive council."

Teamsters Hiring Hall Starts In S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The hiring hall plan won by Teamsters Local 85 went into effect last Monday.

The hiring hall is located at union headquarters on Bryant St.

All union members stand instructed to stay away from garages when seeking employment and to report to the union hiring hall instead, for listing and employment.

Union members will not be allowed to accept employment except through the hiring hall.

ant laws coming up for action which the labor movement is backing. Problems of the industry are also discussed, and the workers learn that in union plants elsewhere there are better conditions.

Union Has Social Affairs

The union, as its membership grows, starts its own baseball team, glee club, and dancing group. It already has been holding picnics and other social affairs. More and more it becomes the center for the workers' life, and the company loses its hold.

A new election for employee representatives comes along. The bona fide union again pushes its program, runs a full slate, and carries on an active campaign. This time it elects a majority of the representatives—it has captured the company union!

When this happens, the company may still force a strike. But now the workers have learned where their interests lie. They are united behind the union, and the company cannot play off one group against another.

SHIPOWNERS GOT ANSWER THEY DESERVE

Bridges Tells Of Rotten Conditions On Shipboard

This was the answer by Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast I.L.A. President, to the shipowners' Coast Committee, which tried to use a little underhanded stuff against the unions:

The summary of the Coast Committee for the Shipowners as contained in their communication of Oct. 22 to Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet, may state the position of the shipowners correctly, but definitely and incorrectly states the position of the I.L.A.

No ultimatum was given through the Maritime Federation. The various maritime unions at the request of Admiral Hamlet, and to simplify the basic proposals of all unions in order that Admiral Hamlet would have a clear and concrete understanding of the whole situation quickly before him, presented the written fundamental demands in one document, signed by the representatives of each union concerned, and not by any official of the Federation.

Nothing to Seamen

The Coast Committee for the Shipowners merely succeeded in taking advantage of Admiral Hamlet's short opportunity to get acquainted with the whole situation and his desire to reach a peaceful settlement in the quickest possible time, when they offered to renew the present agreements for the seafaring unions, agreements that give the men nothing, and the shipowners millions.

The shipowners offer to the I.L.A. is farcical. To offer the largest maritime union a chance to renew its present agreement when all shipping may be tied up after Oct. 28 through the shipowners' refusal to correct the present low wages and intolerable conditions of the seafaring men means nothing but another attempt of the shipowners to divide the waterfront unions.

The shipowners' final word that "they cannot and will not submit to the program of the unions" speaks for itself. This means that the shipowners, although assuring Admiral Hamlet they wish to cooperate with him, and the I.L.A. has no hesitation in saying that they believe such "assurances of co-operation" are motivated by the fact that the Admiral is representing a Commission that has one hundred million dollars that the ship operators are hungry for.

\$2 a Day

The hundred million dollar subsidy is to be used to offset the differential in operating costs between American and foreign vessels. The liberal offer of the shipowners to continue the agreements of the seafaring unions for another year means they are perfectly willing to continue the wages of seafaring men at \$2.00 per day, unsanitary and pig pen quarters, hours from ten to sixteen a day without payment for extra work performed during this time, and a system of hiring that would permit the shipowners to blacklist any who protested to the conditions. Because the unions do not permit the latter at present, the shipowners are constantly crying "violation of agreements."

16 Convicted In Anti-Union Drive

LONG BEACH.—Sixteen union sympathizers Oct. 23 were convicted in Long Beach Municipal Court of violating the anti-picketing ordinance and fined \$50 or ten days in jail as a result of a vicious anti-labor drive sponsored by the Richmond Creameries.

Waiving a jury trial and putting the full responsibility on Municipal Judge Miller, the workers were convicted by the court after a scant three-hour trial.

Those convicted were Bertha Graham, Walter Hughes, Merced Franco, Luther Tisdale, Emmett Rohar, Tony Moreno, Roma Roman, Alfred Mehler, Raymond Martinez, Raymond Suras, Theodore Ware, Peter Lopez, Edward Raftery, William Stanton and Henry Gutierrez.

Four members of the Teamsters' Union were convicted recently on a similar charge following their arrest at the same time as the above defendants during a strike at the Richmond Creameries last August 11.